



Newsletter

For all parents, staff, governors and pupils
Friday 8th February 2019



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Dear Parents/Carers,

First may I take this opportunity to thank all those who attended the very successful E-Safety training delivered this week by the 'Two Johns'. It was great hearing the positive feedback from parents.

'The training was exceptionally informative. I thought I had a good idea of how to keep my children safe online but the two Johns proved me wrong. I am very grateful to be given the opportunity to take part in the training and would highly recommend to all parents'

Resources on how to keep your children safe are listed under the E-Safety tab on our school website. Alongside this we held a Cinema Evening for the children and this would not have been possible without the support of our PPT. Please look out for the parent consultation letters which were sent out this week. If you are unable to make the allocated time please contact the class teacher who will be happy to make alternative arrangements.

We look forward to you joining the children as we trial the 'Magic Breakfast' next week. Please refer to our twitter page for more details.

Just a reminder that the school closes on Thursday 14th February and we return after the half term break on Monday 25th February 2019.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mr R. Latham
Headteacher

ATTENDANCE:

The class with the best attendance for the week of 28th January is **4M** with **100%**. **Well done 4M!**

The class with the best attendance for the week of 4th February is **3N** with **97.8%**. **Well done 3N!**

Whole school attendance for the last two weeks is **96.3%** which falls slightly short of our school target of 97%.

BUILDING LEARNING POWERS:

The Building learning power for the week commencing 11th February is:

'Be Reflective'

BIG QUESTION:

Year 1—What would the world be like if animals could talk?

Year 2—Would you prefer to be a cat or a dog?

Year 3—What if no-one had a nose?

Year 4—You have the chance to meet Willie Wonka. What new sweet would you design? What would it taste like?

Year 5—What if people had x-ray eyes?

Year 6—What if your hands were feet and your feet were hands?

SMART/APPLE WATCHES AND FITNESS TRACKERS:

Please be aware, if your child's watch or fitness tracker e.g. Fitbit receives messages, it cannot be worn in school due to safeguarding.

Any child wearing a watch/device of this kind in school will be asked to hand it over to a member of staff and will not receive it back until the end of the school day. This is the same policy that applies to mobile phones.

BAG2SCHOOL:

Many thanks for your donations in support of our Eco Warriors. Your donations are helping the environment by diverting unwanted textiles away from landfill. A large number of sacks were collected on Monday 28th January 2019. This raised £88 for the school.

NURSERY STAY AND PLAY WEDNESDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2019:

Parents and Carers are invited to stay with their children for the first hour of the session on Wednesday 13th February 2019. We are looking forward to sharing with you the children's learning journals. Please join us if you are able.

MERIT AWARDS:

Jessica in 6G and Yasmeen in RP have achieved their silver merit award. Well done both!

Jimmy, Sky, Jake, Kevin, Jude, Isabella, Dennis, Koby and Katie from 2E have all achieved their bronze merit award. Well done to you all.



LATENESS:

Can we please remind you that the classroom doors open and morning work starts at 8:45am. We have an increasing number of children arriving after this time. It is disruptive to classroom and office staff when your child is late and your child is missing out on valuable learning time when they arrive after their classmates. Letters are sent home to those with persistent lateness and meetings will be arranged if there is no improvement after the first letter has been sent.

YEAR 2 TRIP TO ALL SAINTS CHURCH:

On Monday 28th January, year 2 visited All Saints Church. During their visit, Father Peter told the children all about the special features inside the church. The children were also able to explore the different parts of the church and asked lots of questions to find out what different things were. The children were excellently behaved and thoroughly enjoyed their visit.