



# Newsletter

Week ending 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Message from the head teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,



Our holiday seems like a distant memory now. The children have settled in well to the new term and are ready for the exciting events.

There will be opportunities for parents/ carers to support classes on educational visits. Please look out for messages on parentmail. We are always on the look out for parents to support on these visits – if you could help out on trips even when your child is not in a particular class, please let us know.

Next week the national tests will begin with the Year 6 SATs, with Year 2 SATS, Year 4 timestables check and the Year 1 phonics screening to follow. Please make sure your child is in school every day!

#### **Fiona Cullen**

#### **Head Teacher**

#### Year 6

Next week is SATS week for Year 6. They are all invited to a free breakfast club at 8 am from Monday to Thursday. This is the final preparation for the children and would be good if every child could attend.

At the end of the week, all the year 6 children will be going on a picnic to celebrate. More details to follow.

# **Times Tables Titans**

Congratulations to this week's Times Tables Titans.

Aaron Y4

Rahela Y4

Talal Y3 Maisa Y4

#### **School Governors**

I am delighted to announce that we have three new parent governors.

Ms Naeema Bax – parent of a child in Year 3

Mr Patel – parent of children in Year 2 and Reception

Mrs Malik – parent of a children in Year 6, Year 4 & Year 1.

## Attendance:

We have had wonderful attendance last week and this week. Thank you to everyone for getting your children into school every day.

I thought it would be useful to briefly outline some attendance procedures so all parents and carers are aware of expectations and procedures.

We aim for attendance to be at least 96% for all children and the whole school. This aligns with national expectations and when we receive inspections, inspectors compare our attendance data with this data. When children fall below 90%, they are classified as being 'persistently absent' and the school must put actions in place to improve this attendance.

If your child is close to falling below 90%, we will let you know but we will always write to families if we are concerned about attendance.

We know some children have long term medical reasons and, of course, we make exceptions for these cases but if children are continuously absent we will do all we can to get your children into school each day so they do not miss learning. As I'm sure you agree, children missed too much learning over the last 2 years so we want to have them in school as much as possible.

If we receive holiday leave requests, we are unable to authorise holidays. I know flights can be significantly cheaper during term time, but we are not permitted authorise an absence for this reason and attendance will always be unauthorised and each parent will be fined £60 per child. Please only take holidays when the school is closed.

#### **Dates for your diary**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022 - School closed for half term.

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022 – School closed for extra holiday to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Children return to school.

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – School closed for summer holidays.

# Winners of the attendance completion this week.

#### Year R - 76.96%

Year 1 - 81.38%

- Year 2 81.60%
- Year 3 86.95%
- Year 4 81.54%
- Year 5 87.07%
- Year 6 85.61%

## Book fair and lost property

After the success of last term's book fair, BOOKWORMS will be returning next Friday – 13<sup>th</sup> May.

Please consider buying a book for your child.

We will be laying out all the lost property on this day too. Please come along and collect your child's belongings!

Please make sure you write your child's name on their belongings.

