

Dates this Term:

- Wednesday 4th October- Phonics for Reception, Year 1 and 2 parents (8:45am in hall)
- Friday 6th October- Harvest day- Come to school dressed as a farmer or scarecrow- bring in non-perishable goods.
- Friday 13th October- school photographs
- Monday 6th November- Open morning (9am-11am) for reception and Year 3 places for September 2018.
- Wednesday 11th October- NSPCC assembly to pupils.
- Friday 20th October PTA Halloween Disco—Years R/1/2- 5:00pm—6:00pm
Years 3/4/5/6: 6:15pm to 7:15pm. More details to follow regarding prizes and ticket sales.

School Uniform

Please can all parents/carers ensure that children are wearing the correct uniform including the correct footwear. All children are to wear black school shoes not trainers.

Also there are quite of few children who do not have a PE kit and are therefore not taking part in PE. Please ensure children have a PE kit in school at all times.

Birthday Sweets

It is really nice that when it is a child's birthday that they bring in sweets or chocolates to share with their friends (this is not compulsory), but if you do please can we ask that it is just one thing per child and it does not include nuts as we are a nut free school.

Fun Friday

Today we had our first Fun Friday and the feedback was fantastic. Please take up this opportunity. We are still offering sessions every Friday morning to come and join in with literacy and numeracy lessons. Please sign up for this in the school office.

Due to space issues we cannot accommodate any younger children e.g. babies or toddlers for these sessions.

SEND Coffee Morning

We would like to invite all parents/carers of children who have special educational needs to come to an informal coffee morning to meet/chat to our Inclusion Manager and meet other parents. We also extend this invitation to parents/carers that have an educational concern about their child to also come along for a drink and an informal chat. If you are unable to make it but would like to meet Mrs Tawana please call the office to arrange a meeting.

Please note Mrs Tawana only works Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Handwriting Lesson for parents

On Wednesday we held a handwriting lesson for parents/carers. We would like to thank all the adults that were able to make it and to say a huge thank you for the excellent feedback. This is really useful for us as we can tailor our sessions and look at future events to support parents further.

All information from the handwriting lesson is on our website.

We have also added onto the website the book banding colours as a few parents have been asking about the order that children read books in.

Don't forget we are running a phonics session for parents/carers with children in years R/1/2 next Wednesday at 8:45am- 9:30am.

We shall be running a maths session for parents this term so watch this space for more information.

Monday Art Club

Due to staff training there is no art on Monday 2nd October and Monday 16th October. Apologies for the confusion regarding these dates. The above dates are the correct dates.

Parents Evenings

We shall be holding parents evening over two nights on Tuesday 7th November and Wednesday 8th November. We shall be using an online booking system. More information to follow in next couple of week regarding how to book and times.

Harvest Day

Friday 6th October

We shall be celebrating harvest on the above date.

Don't forget to come to school dressed up either as a farmer or scarecrow or something harvest related.

If children do not want to dress up then please ensure they wear uniform.

We are also collecting your non-perishable goods for local charities. Please bring these in on the above date.



Attendance—Our target 97% for this year.

We can imagine some of you are rolling your eyes and saying here they go again—but it is crucial that you understand why good attendance is so important. Being in school every day does have a significant impact upon a pupil's progress and their wellbeing. There is a strong correlation between good attendance and good progress. We cannot teach your child concepts, methods and terminology if they are not here.

It is also important for you to understand why we talk about and promote it so often. Every school is judged externally on their attendance by Ofsted, the Department for Education, the county council, and being part of E-ACT head office also monitor it. Every 6 weeks the school is questioned on it and what it is doing to promote good attendance and how we are tackling poor attendance.

This is why we are running 3 challenges this year:

Daily challenge— every day that everybody from the class is, the class will get a prize from the prize box.

Termly challenge— the class with the best attendance each term will receive a trip paid for by the academy.

Yearly trip— If the whole school's attendance can be above 97% then the academy will pay for all pupils to have trip somewhere e.g. zoo/beach.

As mentioned before no term time holidays will be authorised and fines are in place for this year as there was an increase in holidays taken during term time last year and we must avoid this this year.

This is a whole school issue that does affect us all so please understand why we promote it so much and why we need your support with this.

Don't forget we have two inset days
(no school for children) coming up
this term

- Monday 30th October
- Monday 13th November



Class News

written by the children of each class

Whole school Attendance this week:

95.1%

Whole School Attendance from 1.9.2016:

96.4%

94.8% Reception

In Literacy we are finding out about living a healthy life style including exercise, rest and sleep.

In Numeracy we are exploring 2-D shapes.

In Topic we are finding out about our families.

Please do not forget to sign up for one of our "Fun Fridays".

93.3% Year 1

In Literacy it is poetry week!

We have been working really hard at listening to a range of poems, acting some out and have even had a go at writing our own.

In Numeracy we have been looking at counting up to 20 in more detail. We have built towers of cubes and compared them with our friends, describing them as bigger or smaller.

We are continuing our topic "All About Me" by finding out about our ancestors past. We compared our grandparents lives to ours today.

100% Year 2

In Literacy we have been looking at poems where the Forest meets the Sea & Driftwood. We have been comparing them and creating rhyming strings.

In Numeracy we have worked on addition and how the addition of 2 numbers can be done in any order.

In Topic we have continued learning about The Great Fire of London.

97.7% Year 3

In Literacy we have been writing lots of fantastic poems for poetry week. We even wrote a special poem for Mr Nocera!

In Numeracy we have been adding and subtracting using money. We are so good—we might start up our own shop!

In Topic we have been discussing all the jobs that they needed to do in the stone age and which modern tools would make life easier for them. We have also learned about what helps plants grow and planned experiments to test our theories.

95.0% Year 4

In Literacy we have been looking at poems, writing our own poems and looking at how we can add more to them.

In Numeracy we have been rounding numbers to 10, 100 & 1000 and looking at negative numbers.

In Topic we covered each other in toilet roll so we looked like mummies. It was great fun!

In Science we tested to find out what sugar does to our teeth. We have put boiled eggs into containers with different liquids such as cola, tea, squash, juice, milk, vinegar, water & fizzy water to see what will happen to the egg shell in a week's time.

Year 5

94.4%

In Literacy we have been Rap writing on FREEDOM. Kennings & Haiku.

In Numeracy we have been deciphering codes using Roman Numerals, ordering and converting from one to the other.

In Topic we have been learning about World War 1, Zeppelins and Women's jobs.

In Science we have been looking at material changes in mixing. In Art we have been working on a "First News" competition for "Superhero Teacher" picture.

91.5% Year 6

This week is "Poetry Week". The topic for the week is "Freedom" and we have written our own Kennings & Haikus on this theme.

This week we have been practising using column subtraction, with large numbers, decimals and solving money problems.

In Topic we have started to look at bridges and how they are constructed. We had great fun using marshmallows & linguini to build structures and test their strength by seeing how many coins we could hang before the linguini snapped!