

Dear Parents and Carers

Our first full week back after Christmas has flown past. I have thoroughly enjoyed talking to the children about their learning this week and hearing about the exciting ways that they are starting their new topics.

An excellent example of this is the dog visit that took place in year 1 at the start of this week. The children were so excited to meet Callie where they learnt a huge amount about how to look after a pet. Our parent helpers commented on how well behaved the children were throughout - a definite 'well done' is in order!

Year 4 also started their new history topic in fine fashion, with a full day of Roman activities. Having spoken to the children, I know how much they enjoyed and gained from this experience and they certainly looked the part!

During the week, SLT had the pleasure of looking at all the children's learning from the first term. We are delighted with the progress, effort and pride the children have shown in what they do. This reflects what we already knew was a fantastic first full term and we are sure this will continue throughout the Spring term.

I would like to thank Frogs for the fantastic amount of money raised in the Autumn term, totalling £6,831.36. This is hugely beneficial for the school and we are very grateful for your hard work and support.

Have a great weekend.

Mr Daniel Tuck
Head of School

Attendance Matters

If your child is unable to attend school, you must phone the school office before 09.30am on the day of the absence. If no message is left in the office, your child's absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Please be aware that The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. The Headteacher should determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.

In accordance with the above Regulations, requests for leave of absence are treated sympathetically, but only in exceptional circumstances can they be approved. The policy of the Government to which this school has agreed, states that parents who take their child out of school for five days or more during term time, without the authority of the Headteacher, will each be liable to receive a penalty notice. Penalty Notices will be issued by the Local Authority.

The penalty is £60 per parent if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice, rising to £120 per parent if paid after 21 days but within 28 days. If the penalty is not paid in full by the end of the 28-day period the Local Authority must prosecute the recipient for failing to ensure regular school attendance under section 444 Education Act 1996.

Dates for your Diary

14 Jan	YR1 London Zoo
15 Jan	Eagles weekly swimming lessons start
17 Jan	Seals weekly swimming lessons start
22 Jan	Parent Workshop—Speech & Language (9.00am)
31 Jan	Panthers Class Assembly (9.00am)
1 Feb	Numbers Day
1 Feb	Parent Workshop—Maths calculations (9.00am)
5 Feb	YR6 Science Museum
5 Feb	YR4 Marchants Hill Parent Information Meeting - (3.00pm / 6.00pm)
13 Feb	Leopards Class Assembly (9.00am)
13 Feb	ISP Drop in Session (3.00pm to 4.45pm)
14 Feb	Parent Workshop—Teaching Spellings (9.00am)
15 Feb	Inset Day
18 Feb	Half Term Week
1 Mar	Jaguars Class Assembly (9.00am)
4 Mar	Parent Workshop—Computing across the Curriculum (9.00am)
5 Mar	Parents Evening (3.00pm — 5.00pm)
6 Mar	World Book Day
7 Mar	Parents Evening (4.00pm — 7.00pm)
8 Mar	Nursery and Reception—Mill Cottage Farm Visit
13 Mar	YR2 Parent Workshop—YR2 SATS (9.00am)
13 Mar	YR4 Marchants Hill Residential
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18 Mar	Scholastic Book Fair Week
21 Mar	Voice in a Million (school choir)
22 Mar	YR1 Assembly (9.00am)
5 Apr	Break up for Easter (2.00pm)
23 Apr	Inset Day
24 Apr	Return to School

Inset Days 15 February 2019
23 April 2019
3 June 2019

N.B. Please note dates are subject to change.

Early Years = Nursery & Reception
KS1 = Years 1 & 2
KS2 = Years 3, 4, 5, 6

SCHOOL DINNERS

Please pay dinner money in advance every Monday or, alternatively, you can pay half termly using our online payment facility. Should you require log-in details for online payments, please speak to the main office. The cost of a school meal is £2.30 per day.

The total cost for lunches this term is £71.30.

Please notify the office of any changes to school meal preferences a week in advance in writing. Thank you.

IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK...

NURSERY

This week in nursery our learning has been based on the story 'The three little pigs'. We have been acting out the story and re telling it in our own words. We know how fairytales start and end and can use different voices to be different characters. We have made collage houses and had a go at writing the story ourselves. The pig biscuits we made were also very delicious !!

RECEPTION

This week the learning in reception has been based around the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We have been retelling the story in many different ways, acting it out and sequencing pictures. Later in the week the children pretended to be Goldilocks and wrote 'I'm Sorry' letters to the three bears. In maths this week, we have been investigating weight. On Wednesday we made and tasted porridge.

YEAR 1

This week in year 1 we have been learning how to write questions and how to add the prefix 'un' to change the meaning of words. Year 1 had a very special visitor called Callie who came to visit us. We learnt that she is a French Bulldog, that she is 2 years old and that she likes to play fetch. The children were really engaged and loved meeting her. In maths we have been learning about 3D shapes and their properties. See how many 3D shapes you can spot in and around your home. In science we have been learning to classify animals.

YEAR 2

The children have been practising being scientists to start our new topic of 'Muck, Mess and Mixtures' and have been carrying out some experiments, such as what happens when we mix some materials with water, and which type of soap produces the most bubbles. We have also done some mixing for English where we followed one of Roald Dahl's Revolting Recipes to make 'Crispy Wasp Stings on a Piece of Toast' (it was delicious!), then wrote our own version of it. To continue the food theme we have also begun to look at some of Carl Warner's foodscapes. It's been a really busy first full week back, and Seals Class are looking forward to their first swimming lesson next week.

YEAR 3

The children have been learning about Cruella De Vil this week as part of our new topic 'Heroes and Villains'. They have written a character description and begun to use inverted commas to write some dialogue between characters. In maths, the children have solved problems involving multiplication and division to consolidate their learning.

YEAR 4

In maths we learnt about the written methods of multiplication. In English we started our new novel and writing our own Roman-based narrative. We are also learning how to build circuits in science.

YEAR 5

Year 5 had a very busy week. We worked very hard on long multiplication and we are now pro's at solving multiplication and multi-step word problems! In history and geography we have been exploring Ancient Egypt and what it was like to live back then. In English we wrote newsletter articles about the discovery of King Tutankhamun's tomb.

YEAR 6

In year 6 this week we have been writing a persuasive letter to Dr Bryce trying to deter him from using a pig heart for a human transplanted. In maths we have been learning about converting units of measure - all in all, a busy but interesting week!

Attendance last week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.2%	92.4%	91.9%	91.5%	90.7%	90.9%	90.4%

Well done to **Reception** for the best year group attendance

Well done to **Kestrels** for the best class attendance **99.1%**

Year Group Attendance from beginning of September 2018

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
93.9%	96.4%	96%	96.4%	95.8%	95.8%	94.4%

Overall attendance percentage to date: **95.2%** - Target: **96%**

CERTIFICATES



Class	<i>Behaviour</i>	<i>Achievement</i>	<i>Writer of the Week</i>
Otters	Fynn	Violet	Jessica
Squirrels	Leo	Henry	Dylan
Flamingos	Tommy	Jude	Olivia
Penguins	Sebastian	Kaitlyn	Tilly
Swans	Olivia	Caris	Zoe
Dolphins	Sean	Eloise	Caitlin
Seals	Charlie	George	Hope
Giraffes	Hunor	Matthew	Lily
Zebras	Zach	Oscar	Noor
Jaguars	Maya	Milana	Miles
Leopards	Callum	Meirah	Millie
Panthers	Grace	Vera	Arabella
Eagles	Rosie	Phoebe	Laila
Kestrels	Shivanjali	Nico	Oliver
Cobras	Ikram	Amber	Aidan
Pythons	Albie	Jaiden	Melad

Pen Licences

Haider — Giraffes
Bogdan — Leopards

WELL DONE EVERYONE

Year 1 had a very popular visit this week from Callie, the French Bulldog. Please read Tilly from Penguins fantastic account of the visit. What amazing handwriting.

Callie by Tilly

Callie is a small dog.
She is a French Bulldog.
She knocks her bowl
over and she is a
sweet dog.

Callie is grey and she
has cute eyes.

Callie can do some
tricks and she is a
really behaved dog.



Year 4's topic on the Romans, kickstarted this week with a visit from Caivs Aqvilonivs Statvtvs.

We found out what the Roman invasion was like and the children had to face the strict Roman discipline, try on arms and armour, learn to drill with swords and shields following instructions in Latin and fought in a dramatic retelling of the story of Boudica's Revolt.



POLITE REMINDER—Parents/Carers please do not let your children race around on bikes, scooters or play football on the grounds before going into class. Please also note that our new middle garden area is designated a “quiet area” for the children and should not be used to play football, rough and tumble, or playfighting on! Responsibility remains with the you until they enter the building at 8.45am and after 3.00pm when you should leave the premises promptly. Thank you.