

Dear Parents/Carers

What another wonderful week of learning we have had—the children are so enthusiastic about their new topics for this term and we are truly impressed with their progress so far.

Year 1 experienced a fantastic day trip to London Zoo where they saw lots of amazing animals. They represented the school beautifully and were a real credit — what a great way to further enhance their Paws, Claws and Whiskers topic.

The Year 5 'Sports Crew' have been selected and had their induction this week. They will be launching a lunchtime sports club for year groups 1 to 4 and we look forward to seeing all the children in action next week.

Eagles class began forest schools and both Dolphins and Kestrels had their first swimming lessons. With YR6 full of excitement about their forthcoming Science Museum trip taking place on Wednesday, it really has been a busy and fun start for everyone.

On a staffing note, we are delighted to welcome Miss Sheppard to our school. Miss Sheppard is teaching groups of YR6 children in the mornings and will be in Eagles class on a Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon. Please make her feel welcome when you see her around the school.

Finally, we wish you all a great weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Best wishes

Mrs Coleman and Mrs Chadda

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 £2.25.

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

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.

If there are two parents and two children incurring unauthorised absences, each parent will receive two Penalty Notices, which in this case would amount to £120 each if paid within 21 days.

Dates for your Diary 2018

24 Jan	YR6 Science Museum Trip
30 Jan	Nursery Tour—11.00am
31 Jan	Three Rivers Academy YR5 Roadshow—3.15pm
1 Feb	YR4 Bikeability YR3 Assembly—9.00am
2 Feb	NSPCC Mufti Day
7 Feb	Nursery Tour—11.00am SEND Parent Drop-in Session—3.15-4.45pm
8 Feb	Parent Forum—2.00pm
9 Feb	INSET DAY
12 Feb	HALF TERM WEEK
20 Feb	Nursery Tour—11.00am Parents' Evening—3.15 to 5.00pm
22 Feb	Parents' Evening—4.00 to 7.00pm
23 Feb	YR4 Assembly—9.00am
26 Feb	Book Week
28 Feb	Bedtime Story—6.00pm Parent Partner Reading Workshop—6.00pm
1 Mar	World Book Dress Up Day
7 Mar	YR2 SATS Parent Meeting—9.00am
9 Mar	Mill Cottage Farm Visit—Reception and Nursery
12 Mar	YR4 Roman Workshop
16 Mar	YR1 Assembly—9.00am
22 Mar	Parent Forum—2.00pm
27 Mar	YR4 Residential Parent Meetings—3.00pm & 6.00pm
29 Mar	BREAK UP FOR EASTER—2.00pm
16 Apr	INSET DAY
25 Apr	Class Photos
3 May	POLLING DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED
4 May	Reception Bocketts Farm trip
7 May	BANK HOLIDAY
14 May	YR6 SATS week
16 May	YR4 Residential—Mill Rythe (return 18 May)
25 May	BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM—3.00pm
18 Jun	YR6 Residential—Land and Wave (return 22 Jun)
3 Jul	YR6 Senior School Induction Day YRs R—5 Shuffle-up day
4 Jul	YR6 Senior School Induction Day
11 Jul	YR6 Leavers' Performance—1.30pm
12 Jul	Sports Day YR6 Leavers' Performance—7.00pm
16 Jul	Sports Day (back-up)
18 Jul	Parent Report Drop-in and Meet next year's Teacher
19 Jul	YR6 Leavers' Assembly—9.00am
20 Jul	END OF TERM—2.00pm

NB. Please note dates are subject to change.

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

IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK...

NURSERY

This week in Nursery our learning has been based on the story 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. We have been busy designing and building bridges using a variety of materials. We have also been learning and using positional language such as under, over, on and next to.

RECEPTION

This week we have been writing letters to the three bears. In maths we have introduced addition and number sentences. The children have also explored the Beebots and have learnt how to program them. We have also been getting creative making new displays for our classrooms.

YEAR 1

This week in Year 1 we went to London Zoo. We saw many animals such as lions, tigers, gorillas and penguins. In maths we have been learning to add two numbers together including 0. In English we have been writing a creative story about the Zoo and we have also been learning about the 7 continents.

YEAR 2

This week Year 2 have been learning about cameras in computing—how they work, what different parts do and have had a go at taking our own photographs. In maths we have been practising how to measure length accurately, and also using thermometers to measure the temperature in different areas around school. After cooking and looking at recipes last week, we had a go at making up and writing our own recipes for a magical potion, like George does in 'George's Marvellous Medicine'. The children have been asked NOT to make their potions at home!

YEAR 3

We hunted down Cruella De Vil using our adjective filled wanted posters and we then brought her to life with some creative drama. In maths we have been dividing using partitioning. We must remember to keep practising our tables! In science we have been investigating using magnets. We have been using scientific vocabulary too, such as attraction and repulsion.

YEAR 4

Year 4 have got their teeth into fractions this week and are now brilliant at adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator and working with tenths and hundredths. We have been enjoying reading more of our 'Thieves of Ostia' book and practising writing dialogue. In computing, we have started to find out about how wikis work and how we can work collaboratively online. Our Roman clay coins are looking pretty impressive too!

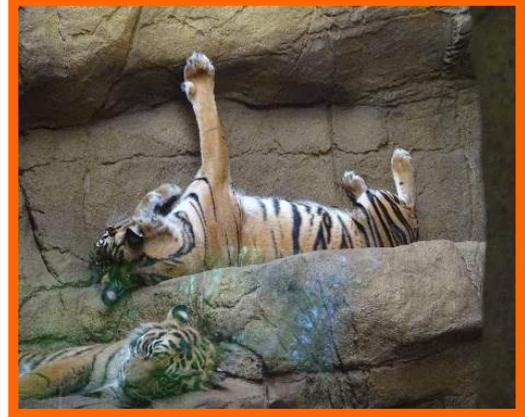
YEAR 5

We have had a great week in YR5 looking at different story openings and analysing what makes them effective. We have also made real progress in multiplication and division. In art we were very excited to begin making our Alchemy Islands which we are looking forward to continuing with next week.

YEAR 6

In Year 6 this week we have been debating whether mandatory organ donation is a viable piece of legislation in England and will be writing a balanced discussion about this next week. In maths we have been calculating the area and perimeter of compound shapes, triangles and parallelograms and then using this to solve investigations. During the afternoons in science we have been researching the circulatory and respiratory systems.

YR1 enjoy a wild time at London Zoo!



On Tuesday 16th January, Year 1 visited the ZSL London Zoo. It was such an exciting trip! We got to see lots of different animals, touch and feel animal skin and even stroke Colin & Charlie the cockroaches! A lovely lady taught us about the types of animals. We can't wait to see what else our new topic 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers' brings!



INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION UPDATE!

It was the turn of **YR3** for their inter-house PE competition this week.

Mrs Matthews was delighted with the fantastic behaviour and sportsmanship displayed during the afternoon.

The competition focused on ball skills, throwing and sprinting.

Well done to Yew and Birch houses who were the overall winners.



Sports Crew

We are excited to introduce our Year 5 Sports Crew!

In pairs, they will be running a fun and active lunchtime club one day a week for children in Years 1-4. They can't wait to get started!



Your Year 5 Sports Crew Leaders are: Meryn, Isis, Zosia, Naomi, Hannah, Joanne, Betty, Ollie, Yosef and Aiden E.

Attendance last week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
93.8%	94.2%	97.5%	96.3%	96.5%	96%	97.3%

Well done to **Year 2** for the best year group attendance

Well done to **Dolphins and Badgers** for the best class attendance **99.3%**

Year Group Attendance from beginning of September 2017

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.6%	96.2%	96.1%	96.5%	96.4%	95%	96%

Overall attendance percentage to date: 95.8%

CERTIFICATES



Class	Behaviour	Achievement	Writer of the Week
Otters	Orson	Emma	Harry Mer
Squirrels	James-Dean	Harry	Victoria
Badgers	Violet	River	Roan
Flamingos	Whole class	Junior	Arlo
Swans	Whole class	Caitlin	Levi Joe
Dolphins	Laila	Madoc	Simona
Seals	Harley	Oscar	Tyler
Antelopes	Yosef	Koby	Holly
Giraffes	Amelia	James	Maya
Zebras	Dylan	Meirah	Emily
Leopards	Jamie	Preston	Lilia
Panthers	Zane	Elisa	Halima
Eagles	Tiana	Grace P	Shanaiya
Kestrels	Kara	Louisa-Joan	Max
Cobras	Rhiannon	Owen	Charlotte
Pythons	Rafal	Charlie	Lottie

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WELL DONE EVERYONE

MOLESEY JUNIORS U9 GIRLS FOOTBALL

For all girls School Years 3 & 4

Tuesdays 6-7 pm at Walton Xcel 3G outdoor pitches
(Starting 30 January)

All welcome, contact Martel 07787336116

