

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 6 had a fun and informative day at the Science Museum this week—they browsed around the various galleries and enjoyed a hands-on experience in the 'Wonderlab'. We were so proud of how well the children represented the school that both classes received behavior certificates this week. Well done Year 6!

Our Year 5 Sports Crew have really enjoyed their first week supporting our younger children. They have shown great enthusiasm and imagination by creating well thought out games around the needs of the younger children. What a fantastic start!

A reminder for Year 5 parents that next Wednesday at 3.15pm we have Three Rivers Academy visiting us, where you can meet some of their senior staff and hear the latest news.

Year 3 have been busy practising for their assembly and we look forward to welcoming our Year 3 parents to see this on Thursday.

On Friday we have a whole school NSPCC mufti day where the children's chosen outfit should include shapes (e.g. a top with circles) in exchange for a £1 donation.

Finally, FROGS are busy preparing for the forthcoming Valentine's Discos (please see details later in newsletter). Look out for further information, including how to book your child's place, in book-bags early next week!

We hope you all have a fantastic weekend.

Best wishes

Mrs Chadda and Mrs Coleman

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

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—Clothing with shapes
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

Our story this week has been Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We have turned our role play area into the Three Bears' House. Yesterday we made our very own porridge and tasted it. It was delicious! In maths we have been learning about size. It's been a very busy week!

RECEPTION

This week, Reception based their learning around the story of 'The Three Little Pigs'. We have acted out the story, learned some songs and retold the story through writing. We also investigated the different materials that the three pigs used to build their houses. In Maths, we have begun to investigate subtraction (takeaway). We had lots of fun knocking down skittles and taking them away.

YEAR 1

This week Year 1 has been focusing on the book 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'. We have been writing lists and captions. In maths we have been learning how to subtract using a number line and in Geography we have been learning how to draw a map of a Zoo.

YEAR 2

This week year two have been learning to add two digit numbers by drawing the tens and ones, and practising when we need to cross a ten. In art we have studied some amazing foodscapes by Carl Warner where he has used different food to create a landscape- our favourite was the train made of different types of chocolate! We also had great fun in computing practising our photography skills with the digital cameras.

YEAR 3

This week Year 3 have been writing riddles about the Queen. We used our research to write our clues. We have also been looking at data in maths, using pictograms and Carroll diagrams to represent data. We are looking forward to our year group assembly next week!

YEAR 4

Year 4 have been writing some wonderful mystery stories based in Ancient Rome this week, showing off their wealth of grammar skills. We have been finding fractions of amounts and multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100. In Geography, we have looked at the placement of Celtic forts and the natural features available nearby.

YEAR 5

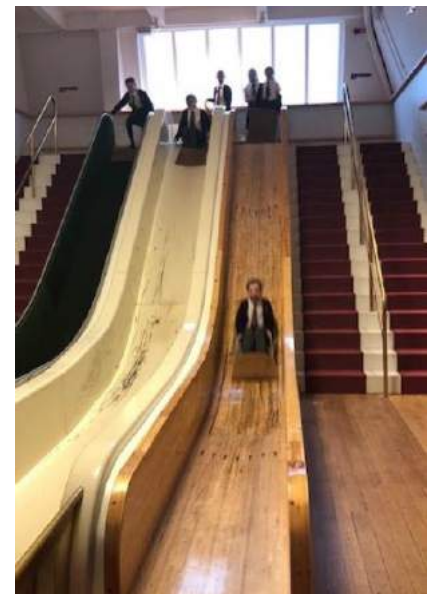
This week we have been practising long multiplication and division calculations using the 'bus stop' method and have solved word problems using these strategies. In English we have been writing a narrative story opening using a character making sure we have included figurative language to make it more interesting for the reader.

YEAR 6

This week in Year 6 we have finished writing our balanced discussion: Should organ donation be mandatory in England? In Maths, we have been calculating the volume of different objects and been revising ready for our mock SATs next week. We have also visited the Science Museum in London this week and furthered our understanding of our topic - the heart. See our photo page for more information.

Year 6 Science Museum

On Wednesday, Year 6 left school and journeyed into the world of science. Once we had arrived and stored our coats away safely, we started our adventure through the museum. First, we explored some of the many galleries the museum had to offer: mathematics, journey through medicine, space, DNA, tomorrow's world and information technology. Then we entered the 'Wonderlab', an area full of interactive activities for us to explore hands on. We went on friction slides, pulled ourselves up towers using pulleys and even made music with wires! We had a great day!



Attendance last week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
91%	95.8%	95.9%	95.1%	97.5%	95.5%	96%

Well done to **Year 4** for the best year group attendance
Well done to **Leopards** for the best class attendance **98%**

Year Group Attendance from beginning of September 2017

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.3%	96.1%	96.2%	96.4%	96.5%	95%	96%

Overall attendance percentage to date: 95.8%

CERTIFICATES

Class	<i>Behaviour</i>	<i>Achievement</i>	<i>Writer of the Week</i>
Otters	Jack	George	Lily
Squirrels	Denis	Isabella	Isla
Badgers	Isla	Venoth	Joe
Flamingos	Evie	Sophie	George
Swans	Laycee	Oliver	Lowri
Dolphins	Jacob R	Cohen	Jacob S
Seals	Oliver J	Luke	Scarlett
Antelopes	Muntaha	Elijah	Koby
Giraffes	Teegan	Arjun	Daisy
Zebras	Kiano	Megan	Cody
Leopards	Evie	Aleksandra	Laila
Panthers	Cameron	Nico	Tai
Eagles	Joshua	Frank	Riley
Kestrels	Tai	Madi	Logan
Cobras	Whole class re trip	Louis	Che
Pythons	Whole class re trip	Nell	Samuel

WELL DONE EVERYONE

FROGS PRESENT THEIR...

Years Nursery, Reception, 3, 4



A vibrant poster for a Valentine's Disco event. The title 'VALENTINE'S DISCO' is written in large, bold, light blue letters with a black outline, set against a red, jagged, starburst background. Below it, 'WITH DISCO DAN' is written in yellow letters with a black outline. The background is white with a pattern of small red dots and several red hearts scattered around the starburst.

VALENTINE'S DISCO

WITH DISCO DAN

▶ **MONDAY 5TH FEBRUARY** ▶
3.15-4pm Nursery & Reception
4.30-5.30pm Years 3 & 4

Entrance: £4 per child • Includes glow stick and refreshments
Children may wear their own clothes to the disco • 7th February – cake sale

Years 1, 2, 5, 6



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WITH DJ SI-TUNES

▶ **TUESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY** ▶
4.30-5.15pm Years 1 & 2
5.45-6.45pm Years 5 & 6

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