

Dear parents and carers,

It has not been an easy week due to the very sad news we received about Denzel. He meant a lot to many people within the school community and he will be missed. We will be considering how we can best celebrate his life, which may be through holding a special assembly or creating other memorials, and we will communicate these details with you in time.

Thank you to all of those who attended or contributed to our Macmillan Coffee morning, which I know was hugely successful. This important charity does excellent work.

We know that some excellent learning has happened this week. We had a visit from a maths specialist, who was able to share the marvellous work that children were doing in class to deepen their understanding, and the children were rightly proud of their work.

I hope to see many of you at my parent forums on Friday October 5th, which will take place at 9:00 and 2:15. I will be sharing some of our ideas for how we plan to develop the school over the coming year, but mainly taking your comments suggestions, as I know these will be invaluable.

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

## Dates for your Diary

- 1 Oct YR3 Meet the Teacher (2.30)
- 2 Oct Reception Meet the Teacher (9.00am)
- 3 Oct SEND Parent Drop-in Session (3.15-4.45)
- 5 Oct Parent Forum—SDP (9.00 / 2.15)
- 10 Oct Sibling Photos
- 11 Oct Individual Photos
- 16 Oct Parents Evening (3.30-5.30)
- 18 Oct Parent Tour—Reception 2019 intake (9.15)
- 18 Oct Parents Evening (4.00-7.00)
- 19 Oct **Inset Day**
- 22 Oct Half Term Week
- 31 Oct YRs 2 & 3 Performance Drama Workshop
- 1 Nov YRs 1, 2 & 3 Halloween Disco (4.30—5.30)
- 1 Nov YRs 4, 5 & 6 Halloween Disco (6.00—7.00)
- 2 Nov Nursery & Reception Halloween Party (3.15—4.00)
- 6 Nov Parent Tour—Reception 2019 intake (9.15)
- 21 Nov Parent Tour—Reception 2019 intake (9.15)
- 1 Dec FROGS Christmas Fair (4.00—6.00)
- 5 Dec Parent Tour—Reception 2019 intake (9.15)
- 11 Dec YR2 Christmas Performance (9.30 / 2.00)
- 12 Dec YR1 Christmas Performance (9.30 / 2.00)
- 13 Dec Reception Christmas Performance (9.30 / 2.00)
- 14 Dec Nursery Christmas Performance (9.00 / 2.00)
- 17 Dec YRs 3 & 4 Christmas Concert—St Marys (10.00 / 6.30)
- 18 Dec YRs 5 & 6 Christmas Concert—St Marys (10.00 / 6.30)
- 19 Dec **END OF TERM** (2.00)

**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.

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 colour. We have played lots of sorting and matching games and have been learning lots of colour names. We have also been exploring colour mixing. With one hand painted yellow and one painted blue, just like magic we were able to rub our hands together and make the colour green!

## RECEPTION

This week in reception we have been drawing and talking about our families. We have also been learning handwriting skills in the style of Mondrian. In maths, we have been ordering numbers 1-10 and investigating simple colour repeating patterns.

## YEAR 1

This week in Year 1 we have been writing character descriptions about Beegu using adjectives and even conjunctions! In maths we have been using practical resources to help us add two amounts together. In art we have been experimenting with different art materials to make a space picture.

## YEAR 2

This week we have been learning many interesting facts about Captain James Cook and we have been finding out what conditions would have been like on board ships at that time. Thinking about our spelling when writing about him has been a main focus. We have also been using a variety of methods to demonstrate number bonds to 20 and have continued to develop our skill of playing instruments in music.

## YEAR 3

This week in year 3 maths we have been calculating what 10 more and 10 less is from a 3 digit number. We then extended this 100 more and 100 less. In English we are writing instructions for a recipe to make a Willy Wonka style chocolate bar as part of our topic. In science we made a healthy meal for our lunch box.

## YEAR 4

In science, we had lots of fun using String Telephones! We investigated how sound travels over distance. In English, we've been writing a diary entry as King William after the Battle of Hastings! We also investigated the Domesday Book by researching information on the internet. We learnt some interesting facts about why King William used this document.

## YEAR 5

Year 5 have been busy this week writing Tudor poems and thinking carefully about improving their descriptive writing. We have been working hard to practise our mental methods of addition and subtraction, which have proved more challenging than expected! We are continuing to look at Tudor houses and are collecting cardboard boxes so we can model these next week. We are also very excited about our Hampton Court visit next week, where we might lose our heads!

## YEAR 6

Year 6 have been scientists, mathematicians and poets this week, studying electricity, negative numbers and performance poetry.



# A BIG THANK YOU

to those who were able to attend our Coffee Morning. It was lovely to see so many people showing their support. A special thank you goes to Catherine Silska who won the "Guess how long our veggie roll is" and donated her £15.00 winnings towards the MacMillan charity. So far we have raised £264 and will let you know the final total next week following our cake sale this afternoon.

YR 1

## Cardboard Tubes Plea

If you have any cardboard tubes at home (excluding the toilet variety) please could you pop these into the school office on Monday. These are required for each child in year 1 to enable them to complete a project.

Thank you in advance!

## Home Front Bus - By Hannah (Cobras)

On the 18th of September, year 6 were lucky enough to have a visit from a Home Front Bus to expand our knowledge on our new topic: World War II. To begin with we were greeted by a man wearing army uniform and a woman in old fashioned clothes with a big bright smile! My group were led upstairs to the top of the bus. It was slightly dark and felt a bit clammy. The man's name was Norman and his uniform had the letters ARP which stands for Air Raid Precautions. He told us to take a look round the top of the bus, so that's what we did. However, he suddenly started shouting at us to hurry up and asked if we knew that there was a war going on. We were all a bit confused by this but we went along and hurried up. We learnt all about the different bombs that were used in the war. Suddenly, we heard a loud bombing noise and we were told to hurry into the Anderson Shelter that was beside us. As soon as I stepped into the shelter I felt a cold wind blow over and I quickly rubbed my arms to keep warm. Norman explained to us all about the shelter, its purpose and where people would go to the toilet. Disgusting! After a while Norman said he had to go out and patrol the streets for injured people and for us to not go out until we heard the safe siren ringing. He said that Mrs O'Sullivan would conduct a sing-a-long session. We all giggled and started singing, We'll Meet Again! When the safe siren was heard we all hurried out, said our goodbyes to Norman and went downstairs to meet the woman we saw when we first arrived. We entered a shop full of various tins and cans of food and we learnt all about rationing during the war. We all had a fantastic day and we can't wait to learn even more.



## Attendance last week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
N/A	96.2%	95.7%	96.3%	95.6%	96.1%	95.3%

Well done to **Year 3** for the best year group attendance

Well done to **Squirrels & Leopards** for the best class attendance **99.3%**

## Year Group Attendance from beginning of September 2018

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
N/A	97.5%	95.8%	97.6%	94.7%	97.3%	96.4%

Overall attendance percentage to date: **96.5%** - Target: **96%**

# CERTIFICATES



<b>Class</b>	<b><i>Behaviour</i></b>	<b><i>Achievement</i></b>	<b><i>Writer of the Week</i></b>
Flamingos	Iden	Gibson	Tommy
Penguins	Frankie	Sam	Sebastian
Swans	Sophie	Olivia	Emily
Dolphins	Niall	Freddie	Lowri
Seals	Lilly	Ethan	Isaac
Giraffes	Jacob S	Ramsay	Simona
Zebras	Hanaan	Noor	Charlie
Jaguars	Kia	Caitlin	Teegan
Leopards	Danielle	Leo	Thomas
Panthers	Kiano	Julian	Kacper
Eagles	Tai	Laila	Chloe
Kestrels	Jake	Khunsa	Elisa
Cobras	Hannah	Kristian	Alfie
Pythons	Sam	Ollie	Louis



**Pen Licence**

Scarlett Rose—Giraffes



**Grammar Wizard**

Priyanka—Seals

# WELL DONE EVERYONE