

Dear Parents and Carers,

First of all, I hope you enjoyed a restful half term holiday. We seem to have returned to school to more wintery conditions and there are a few more hats, coats and scarves now visible (and much needed). Welcome back.

It has been a very exciting first week back. The Year 6 Assembly was fantastic, we learnt a lot about WWII and particularly enjoyed the beautiful poetry and song that they shared. There were some amazing spooky costumes at our various Halloween events. Thank you to all of the parents who helped make sure that these ran very smoothly and to FROGS for all their organisation— everyone had great fun.

Well done to our year 6 football team for their efforts in the tournament this week. We played very well in some very close games and the boys should be proud of their performances.

Thank you to all of the parents that attended our growth mindset workshop today - it was wonderful to see so many of you and we hope that you found it useful. We will upload the slides to the website on Monday for those who couldn't make it. The new display looks fantastic too - so thank you for your support with making the dots.

It has been a fabulous start. We have been delighted to see the children working hard this week in our learning walk and we were very pleased with their attitude to learning and behaviour. We now just have to keep it going until Christmas (and beyond!).

Kind regards,

Mr Daniel Tuck
Head of School

Dates for your Diary

6 Nov	Parent Tour—Reception 2019 intake (9.15)
7 Nov	YR2 Parent Assembly (9.00)
21 Nov	Parent Tour—Reception 2019 intake (9.15)
21 Nov	Giraffes visit Wagamamas
22 Nov	Zebras visit Wagamamas
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	Tigers and Bears Christmas Performance (9.00)
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

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.

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 our learning has been based on shape. To help us get familiar with shape, we have been using shapes all around the classroom. Shapes have been used on the art table for printing, in the play dough, hidden in the sand and even used to make shape roads for our cars. All this shape activity has helped us name and describe shapes really well.

RECEPTION

This week reception have been learning strategies to count carefully. We also did our very first piece of writing! As Diwali is this week, we have been learning about how it is celebrated by making our very own Diva lamps.

YEAR 1

This week in year 1 we have started our new topic called 'The enchanted Woodlands'. We found many magical items hidden in the school woods. We use our senses to describe the items found and wrote super sentences using adjectives. In maths we have been learning position and direction. We have learnt whole and half turns, left and right and forwards and backwards. In DT this week we have used our cutting and gluing skills to create an alien puppet.

YEAR 2

In year 2 this week we have started to learn about Grace Darling and her exciting sea rescue from the lighthouse. We have thought about how to use expanded noun phrases when writing a poem about the rescue. In maths we are continuing to practise our addition and subtraction using sticks and dots to help us. Our assembly rehearsals are going well and we are looking forward to performing in the hall next week!

YEAR 3

The children enjoyed a workshop from the Hobgoblin Theatre company on Monday, during which they learnt about the stories associated with some of the Greek Gods. In English, the children learnt about the story of Icarus and diary entries. The children then wrote their own diary entry imagining they were Icarus. In maths, we continued developing our understanding of subtraction including using the column method and exchanging.

YEAR 4

We've had a great start after half-term. Our theme is 'Potions' and we've been reading Harry Potter! In science, we've been investigating states of matter, so exploring solids, liquids and gases. We had an exciting time using the Virtual Reality goggles!

YEAR 5

Year 5 started off with a 'Big Bang' this week - our new topic is Stargazers! We went on a virtual reality tour of different space stations and even explored our solar system. In maths we worked hard at finding multiples and factors of different numbers and we made factor chains and bugs too. This week and the last week of last term, we also finished off our Tudor houses. They came out amazingly! We are very proud of the children's determination, team work and creativity.

YEAR 6

This week in Year 6, we have been learning about ratio and proportion in maths and have started analysing our class text 'Goodnight Mister Tom' in English ready to write our character studies. We also performed our year group assembly and hope everyone enjoyed it!

YR5 CREATING THEIR FANTASTIC TUDOR HOUSES!



Attendance last week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95.4%	92.8%	97.1%	97.8%	94.1%	94.8%	92.4%

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

Well done to **Swans** for the best class attendance **100%**

Year Group Attendance from beginning of September 2018

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95.8%	96.8%	96.3%	97%	96.8%	97.1%	95.4%

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

CERTIFICATES



Class	<i>Behaviour</i>	<i>Achievement</i>	<i>Writer of the Week</i>
Otters	Amelia	Conan	Leo
Squirrels	Everly	Leona	Ellie
Flamingos	Agata	Victoria	Mahnaz
Penguins	Emma	Orson	Tilly
Swans	James	Thomas	Eric
Dolphins	Sean	Jessica	Jason
Seals	Louis	Jade	Theo
Giraffes	Eli	Belal	Toby
Zebras	Noor	Harvey	Zach
Jaguars	Cody	Aidan	Maya
Leopards	Holly	Millie	Bogdan
Panthers	Sophia	Ronnie	Dylan
Eagles	Preston	Lilly	Phoebe
Kestrels	Logan	Elisse	Jessica
Cobras	Ciarán	Chloe	Madi
Pythons	Yosef	Zainah	Max

Pen Licences

Kayla — Giraffes
Arjun — Leopards
Aiden — Cobras

Arabella — Panthers
Lilly-Mai — Kestrels
Ikram — Cobras

Alfie — Cobras
Paris — Cobras



WELL DONE EVERYONE