

Dear parents and carers,

Firstly, I would like to wish you a happy new year. I hope that you all had a wonderful festive break and that the children are refreshed and ready for the Spring term. It has been lovely to see them all again and to hear about their exciting gifts as well as the time they have spent with family.

Our first value of the year is 'achieve' and our first assembly was a discussion of new year's resolutions and what we all hope to achieve. I have had lots of children coming to tell me about their goals, whether it's learning new skills, making new friends, doing more exercise or eating and drinking healthier. It would be great if you could have a chat with your child/children about their goals and how they can best achieve them!

Although this is a short term, we have lots to look forward to and it will certainly be very busy. We have our year 4 residential, day trips and visits, Book Week, World Book Day, our Voice in a Million concert and so much more. Sporting events will continue, including football, rugby, dodgeball, netball and cross country running. There will also be a number of parent workshops on school priorities such as spelling, maths, computing and internet safety which will highlight what we do in school and how you can help at home. Our Excellence Workshops will also continue creating a wide range of opportunities for our pupils to experience.

Well done to all the children for the excellent start to the year and we look forward to our first full week!

Kind regards

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

7 Jan	YR1 Dog Visit
8 Jan	YR4 Roman Day
9 Jan	Tour for Reception Places 2019 (9.15am)
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
14 Mar	YR4 Marchants Hill Residential
15 Mar	YR4 Marchants Hill Residential
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

<b>Inset Days</b>	15 February 2019
	23 April 2019
	3 June 2019

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

### 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.



# CERTIFICATES



<b>Class</b>	<b>Achievement</b>	<b>Writer of the Week</b>
Otters	Jacob	Conan
Squirrels	Maciej	Abigail
Flamingos	Jack	Sharbanoo
Penguins	Evie	Lois
Swans	Sophie	Scarlet
Dolphins	Caitlin	Melody
Seals	Veronika	Chloe
Giraffes	Ayeza	Sulaiman
Zebras	Mohamed	Oscar
Jaguars	Joshua	Cryony
Leopards	Lilia	Filip
Panthers	Lily	Phoebe
Eagles	Harry	Alyssia
Kestrels	Jamie	Lilia
Cobras	Joanne	Aiden
Pythons	Grace A	Naomi

# WELL DONE EVERYONE