



Friday 26th October 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had an exciting couple of weeks in school! The PTFA disco was enjoyed by all the children who attended and the PTFA raised more money than expected. Many thanks to the staff and parents who supported the event; we are very much looking forward to the Christmas Fayre planned for December.

Parents joined us in school today to celebrate the achievements of children who have attended school every day for the Autumn Term and for the whole of the last academic year! We were all very proud of the children and we are extremely happy to tell you that we are now in line with the national average for attendance. We aim to beat this next half term with your continuing support.

The communication and language parental workshop Miss Smyth held for parents was well attended and children are using their chatterboxes daily to support effective talk. She is looking forward to working with parents to deliver more workshops next half term.

We wish you all a restful half term with your families and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 5th November.

Curriculum:







Reception

Reception have been exploring different textures related to autumn. They have enjoyed using their senses, making playdough with different scents, feeling slime and exploring pumpkins. They are looking forward to having our first cooking activity this week.

Year 1

Today Year 1 have been preparing to plan an acrostic poem based on Autumn. The children went out and explored using the senses to come up with ideas of what to write in our poems. The children recorded their ideas on flipchart paper and created a fantastic class poem!

Year 2

The children have been learning about 'Wonder Women' and learnt about Rosa Parks and her impact on the Civil Rights Movement as part of Black History Month. The teachers were so impressed by the level of discussion the lesson generated.

Year 3

In Year 3 the children have been learning about aviation and air resistance. They built aerodynamically inspired aeroplanes and then tested them to later improve the designs!

Year 5

In Year 5 this term, children have been learning about Anglo-Saxons and what it was like to live like one. As part of History and Geography, children have made shields, butter and a belt in the traditional way. They looked at the similarities and difference between our everyday life. Year 5 loved learning about the Anglo-Saxon alphabet called 'Runes' and wrote secret messages for friends to decode on pebbles and slate.





Parking

School has launched a new Safer Parking Campaign. Please continue to park safely and encourage all parents to support school in keeping all of our children safe on the journey to and from school.

Stay and Play Sessions

There will be a stay and play session for prospective parents of children entering school in September 2019. This will be on Wednesday 7th November from 10am - 11 am. Parents can you please pass this message on to parents who may be looking for a place in September 2019 for their child?

Contact the school on 0121 475 3881 to book a place.

Every Child a Reader!

Parents and Carers of children in year 1 are invited to join Miss Buttery in Year 1 every Monday at 8.55am to 9.15am join in their child's phonic lesson and learn the sounds being taught that week. This is a great opportunity to learn practical ways to support your child's learning at home. We look forward to seeing you.



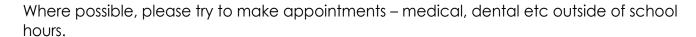
Uniform



Please remember to put your childs name and class on each item of their uniform, P.E. kit and bags



Medical Appointments



Upcoming dates and Reminders this Half Term:

| Every Monday - Year 1 phonics | Wednesday 7 th November – Reception Stay & |
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| lessons – 8.55 | Play Session 10:00am -11:00am for September |
| | 2019 intake |
| Friday 9 th November – | Monday 12 th November – Anti –Bullying Parent |
| Remembrance Day | workshop |
| Year 1 Diwali Assembly 2:30pm PPC | |
| Friday 16th November – EYFS Parents | Friday 23 rd November - School Closed |
| Coffee Morning | Teacher Training Day |
| Monday 26th November Maths | Tuesday 27 th November Maths Parent |
| Parent Workshop Year 1 | Workshop Year 2 |
| Wednesday 28 th November Maths | Wednesday 28 th November Maths Parent |
| Parent Workshop | Workshop Year 5 |
| Year 3 | |

School Term Dates 2018 to 2019

Autumn Term 2018

Half Term: Monday 29 October 2018 to Friday 2 November 2018

Term Ends: Friday 21 December 2018

Spring Term 2019

Term Starts: Monday 7 January 2019

Half Term: Monday 18 February 2019 to Friday 22 February 2019

Term Ends: Friday 12 April 2019

Summer Term 2019

Term Starts: Monday 29 April 2019

Half Term: Monday 27 May 2019 to Friday 31 May 2019

Term Ends: Friday 19 July 2019