

Spring 1 Newsletter



It is hard to believe that we are now nearly half way through the school year! Before we know it we will be asking parents to make sure their children have sun hats and sun cream (can't wait). The children have started the spring term very positively and, as usual, are working very hard so let's hope there is no disruption from snow over the next few weeks.

Mrs Cosgrove

Hello

Hello to Mr Fletcher who has joined us in year 4. He has established himself well with the children and we are glad that he was able to come to us at such short notice. In the next few weeks we plan to interview for the role of Assistant Head Teacher, a permanent class teacher, a Buildings Supervisor (a big thank you to the staff for helping with gritting the playground!) and two lunchtime supervisors. Whilst we have had many people responding to the adverts we will only appoint the people we know to be right for the school. Please be patient with us whilst we are recruiting!




School Uniform

Please remember that the school uniform requires children to wear black school shoes and not trainers to school. We ask that if this causes you any problems to contact the school direct.

Please keep checking in with the web page. This is constantly being updated with new items being added all the time. Please also feel free to leave a comment in the box (a big thank you to Mrs Field who is proof reading for us). We really want to start adding photographs now so please make sure you inform the school if you DO NOT wish your child to have their photo on the website. Thanks.



PE/Sports

We are hoping that in the summer term we will be able to participate in some sporting tournaments. Watch this space! 

Refurbishments

You may notice some 'home improvements' over the next few months. We hope to refurbish the communal areas of the school, the classrooms and the outdoor areas. All of which will require vast amounts of financing. The ICT equipment also needs updating and we are putting together a 'priority' list of all things that need replacing and refurbishing. Again we ask for patience – we don't have much in the way of finances so some things will have to wait. We have also recently had a structural survey conducted which will help us determine the priorities. You may notice that the Totem Pole and stage have been taken down – this is because structurally they were not sound and we felt it better to remove them than risk them falling down. Some parents have also asked about clearing pathways of rubbish etc. so we shall be sending a plea out for volunteers when the weather is a little better to help with this. Thanks in advance.

Attendance

Rec – 96.49
Year 1 – 94.17
Year 2 – 95.73
Year 3 – 95.93
Year 4 – 95.81
Year 5 – 96.25
Year 6 – 95.90
Overall - 95.74

Events so far this year:

We have been incredibly lucky so far this year to have so many exciting experiences for the children. We have tried to include as many as possible but it may be that some have been missed (there are so many!) so here goes...

We have had two visitors who came to speak to the children, Brian Gault and the Bishop of Malawi – both were very well received by the children and were extremely inspirational. This is in addition to members of the church who come into school almost weekly to support our Collective Worship.

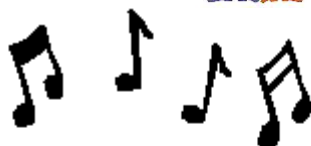
As well as the lovely nativity, carol concert, Epiphany, Harvest and other Christian celebrations that we have at church we also had a Remembrance Service this year. We hope to continue with this annually.

Children in year 2 went on a trip to support their WW2 topic, children in year 3 joined other schools in a Singing Playground topic (this is ongoing), and enjoyed a 'China day' where they ate lots of different food and researched lots of facts about China. All children in KS2 visited the theatre, year 5 visited the museum and all the children enjoyed the annual pantomime!

We have raised funds through hot chocolate and cake sales, the Santa Experience and the school disco (thanks to the PFTA for this).

Parents have been invited in to meet the teachers for the termly parent's evening and have had coffee and cheese on toast with myself, Mrs Plews and the governors on two occasions. We hope to have another 'meet and greet' one afternoon in the summer where parents that work can come in to school to join us for coffee and cake.

I think that may have covered most – but we aim to update parents regularly with events as often as possible.



Dates for Diary – all details to follow

Fri 27th – Casual clothes photograph day

Tues 3rd March – Beach Safety talk (children only)

Wed 4th March – Bags for School collection

Thur 5th March – World Book day

Fri 13th March – Children bring donations for chocolate hamper raffle

Tue 17th March – Prayer Group 3pm – 3.30pm (in church – all welcome)

Tue 24th March – 100% Attendance Assembly

Thur 26th March – Chocolate Hamper Raffle

Dates for Easter Assembly and other activities to follow.

