



Newsletter

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Message from Mrs Toplis, Head of School

Another half term has whizzed past and we are now over half way through the academic year! Our wonderful children continue to amaze me with all that they achieve. They have really taken on board our Growth Mindset work and are learning what all of the 6R's mean and how they can put them into their school and everyday life. The children have particularly enjoyed showing us their resilience. Even when the going gets tough they don't give up.



The plans have now been submitted for our new Nursery and we are hoping that it will be able to be open for September 2018. As soon as I have more details to share with you as parents I shall.

There are lots of parents sessions outlined in this newsletter and we do hope that you will be able to come to each one that is related to your child. All sessions are offered as a support for you, to be able to help at home and also as a way of sharing your child's learning with them.

We hope that you have a happy and restful half term holiday and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 19th February.

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Dates for your Diary

19.2.18 - Main School and Nursery opens

23.2.18 - RSPB Outdoor Learning Day for Top Tigers and Super Snakes

23.2.18 - FoJoG Disco

26.2.18 - Phonics workshop for parents

1.3.18 - RSPB Outdoor Learning Day for Clever Crocodiles and Busy Bees

2.3.18 - World Book Day Celebrations

12.3.18 - SATs Meeting for Year 2 parents

13.3.18 - Family Learning Day

15.3.18 - RSPB Outdoor Learning Day for Fantastic Foxes and Nursery

20.3.18 - Task Diary class session and sharing learning journeys for Top Tigers and Super Snakes

21.3.18 - Spring Assembly at 9.30am for Reception to Year 2

22.3.18 - Homework class session for Clever Crocodiles, Busy Bees and Fantastic Foxes

26.3.18 - FoJoG Easter Fayre

28.3.18 - Mufti Day and Easter Hat Parade

28.3.18 School closes at 3.10pm for Easter and reopens 16.4.18 for Main School and 18.4.18 for Nursery

Pringles Tube Challenge

The children who entered the Pringles Tube challenge all amazed me with their resourcefulness in making something new out of something that was no longer needed. There were some brilliant entries. All the children received a certificate for having a go.

The Winner of the challenge was Stanley from Fantastic Foxes with his amazing rainbow bird puppet. Well done Stanley and Well done all those that took part.



Parents Information

After half term there will be a rack just inside the main entrance door where you will be able to collect spare letters, dinner slips, etc.

World Book Day

This year World Book Day is actually on the 1st March, but we are having an RSPB visit that day, so we have decided to celebrate World Book Day on Friday 2nd March instead. The theme of World Book Day this year is share a story with your child. We would therefore like to invite the children to come to school dressed in their Pyjamas that day, so that they can snuggle up with a book. We would also like to invite you to come in with them first thing after drop off, so that you can find a space in school to share a story together. You can of course wear your pyjamas too, although that is not compulsory!! Sharing stories is such an important and wonderful thing to experience with your child and we want them all to develop a love of books for life.

You can choose to bring your own book in to share on World Book Day or of course choose one of our many wonderful school books. The children will all receive a World Book Day token again this year which can be exchanged for a specific World Book Day book or can be used as part payment for an alternative.

Norse have also organised a special Lunch for World Book Day which we will have on Friday as well. Therefore, Friday's dinner will be on Thursday and the special lunch on the Friday (Please see posters for menu).

We look forward to seeing all the children (and of course the staff!) in their pyjamas.



Family Learning Day

Our Spring Family Learning Day is on Tuesday 13th March from 9.10 am - 10.50am. This time we have chosen the theme of Traditional Stories. The format will be the same as the last Family Learning Day, where you are invited to come in and spend the whole morning with your child or children moving around four of the classrooms. Each classroom will share a different traditional tale and then there will be activities linked to their chosen tale. One of the activities in each classroom will be phonic related which will hopefully build on our Phonics workshop after school to help you with helping your child at home.

You are welcome to come into the hall as soon as your child has gone into school, where there will be tea and coffee before you start and then also again during the break in the middle, when the children are having their snack and playtime.

We do hope that you can join us for what will be a fun filled morning. The children so love working with their grown ups in school and sharing their learning.



SATs Meeting for Year 2 Parents

We would like to invite all parents of children in Year 2, to attend a short meeting about the children's SATs tests that they will sit during the month of May. The meeting will give you an opportunity to understand what it is they will be asked to do, have a look at some past examples of papers and also see how you can help at home between now and May. The meeting will be straight after school on Monday 12th March and any children can go to Super Snakes or Top Tigers to play whilst the meeting takes place. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Phonics



Phonics is an important part of what we teach the children on a daily basis. We know that sometimes this is confusing to you as parents, as it probably isn't the same as when you went to school! In Year 1 the Department for Education (DfE) require the children to take a phonics test to check their phonetic ability and it is the first formal test that they take at school. The children have to reach a certain score to be deemed to have 'passed' the test. If they do not 'pass' this test in Year 1, they are required to re-sit it in Year 2.

We are working hard in school to teach the children all the phonics that they need to know for their continuing education, but also for this test. We know that many of you like to know how you can help at home and it would be really beneficial to your child if you were able to do this. We are offering a parents workshop on Monday 26th February straight after school, where we can help you to understand what is required of your child and also to provide you with some material that you can take away to support at home.

I would urge all parents of children in Year 1 to attend this workshop and also any of our Year 2 parents who know this would be of benefit to them. You are also welcome to attend if you are a Reception parent and just want more knowledge of phonics.

There will be a space in Super Snakes and Top Tigers for the children to go whilst you attend the workshop.

Task Diary and Homework Sessions

We are so pleased that everyone takes the time to work with their children at home on their task and homework diaries. As a staff, we know how much this all adds to the children's education. We thought that it would be nice for you to come in to school to share a homework/diary task with your child in their classroom setting, instead of at home for one week. We would also like to have some feedback from you about homework during these sessions.

For Top Tigers and Super Snakes this will be on Tuesday 20th March where they will also share their learning journeys with you.

For Clever Crocodiles, Busy Bees and Fantastic Foxes this will be on Thursday 22nd March.



Attendance Watch

Our target school attendance figure is 96.0%.
Our current figure for the half term is...

94.2%

The best Class this week was

Busy Bees

Children's Corner

This is the section of the newsletter for the children's voice. It may be about something that they have been doing in school or a special event.

This newsletter it is the turn of:

The Beautiful Butterflies



What do you like doing at Nursery?

'I like playing with the hairdressers' **Amelia**

'Playing on the computer, I like doing the monster games because they are funny'
Georgia

'Playing with Georgia because she's my friend' **Henry**

'I like just being here' **Abraham**

'I like painting' **Ruby N**

'I like being special helper' **Olivia**

'I like going on the computer' **Millen**