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Newsletter

Friday 4th May 2018

Hopefully we can now say that Spring has finally sprung (for now at least)! It's been great to see the children out playing on the school field and enjoying the extra space. This week, our growth word is 'determination'. As we watch all the cyclists push themselves to the limit as they cycle around Yorkshire, we think about how determination is key to doing our best.

Science Bug Hotel

Thank you to all those who took part in our Science Bug Hotel celebration last week. Miss Law was overwhelmed by the positive response. We raised £107, which will be used to purchase more science equipment for school.

Whole School Photograph

This morning a photographer from the Pontefract & Castleford Express came into school and took a photo of all pupils and staff. This is part of a new article in the newspaper where a different school in the local area will feature each week. Our photograph will be printed in the paper on either Friday 11th or Friday 18th May – I will confirm the date nearer the time.

Inset Day/Bank Holiday

We will be closed on Monday 7th May (Bank Holiday) and our next Inset day (school closure for children) will be on Monday 4th June.

National Tests

Year 2 will be sitting their SATs during the weeks beginning 7th and 21st of May and Year 6 will sit their tests during the week of 14th May. Regardless of test results, we are so proud of all our children and their attitudes to learning they display each day.

Year 6 Production

Year 6 have started to learn the songs for their summer production, 'The Greatest Showkids'. I'm looking forward to seeing the production grow as the rehearsals take place. More details about the performances will follow shortly.

School Crossing Patrol Vacancy

There is a vacancy for a School Crossing Patrol outside our school starting after the May half term holiday. For more information, please contact Julie at Wakefield Council on 01924 305721.

Key Dates

- Mon 7th May – Bank Holiday – School closed
- Mon 7th May – KS1 SATs week
- Wed 9th May – 1R Class Assembly
- Mon 14th May – KS2 SATs
- Mon 21st May – KS1 SATs week
- Mon 21st May – Class group photos
- Fri 25th May – Wear Blue non-uniform
- Fri 25th May – Last day at school
- Mon 4th June – Inset Day
- Tue 5th June – Return to school
- Mon 11th June – Year 1 Phonics screening
- Wed 13th June – 3W Class Assembly
- Thur 21st June – Summer Fair (after school)
- Wed 27th June – 1OB Class Assembly
- Thurs 5th July – Sports Day
- Wed 18th July – Year 6 & EYFS Buddy Class Assembly
- Fri 20th Jul – Year 6 Leavers Party
- Wed 25th Jul – Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Attendance

Attendance really matters! If a child is not in school then they are missing out on important learning opportunities. **Our aim is to have a whole class attendance of above 96%.** If your child is ill and unable to attend school, please ensure you inform the office. Minor ailments can be managed in school with the support of the school nurse.

Our weekly attendance is:

Class	Attendance%	Class	Attendance%
RBM	93.79	4D	96.25
RW	96.32	4M	96.98
1C	93.79	5A	95.52
1OB	93.00	5W	97.23
2B	99.67	6L	98.95
2G	95.67	6OT	95.17
3S	98.21	Whole School total	96.10
3W	94.98	Cumulative total	95.30

Well done to all of those children who were here every day!

Celebration

Each and every lesson our children wow us! They work so hard and demonstrate the best attitude to their learning. However, some catch the eye of their teachers and have been chosen for the pupil of the week award! Well done to the children chosen in the grid below!

Class	Child of the week!
RBM	Logan Philpott
RW	Amelia Wilson
1C	Georgia Sorby
1OB	Emily Sewell
2B	Isla Davies
2G	Jaxon Whittaker
3S	Macie Backhouse
3W	Lexi Madajewski
4D	Lexi Dougan
4M	Joe Taylor
5A	Blake Whitham
5W	Lexi Clarkson
6L	Sam SmIth
6OT	Phillip Pratt/Elleanne Alcock-Cross

Thank you for your continued support!

Mr James Parkinson – Head of School