

Your Weekly Newsletter

Issue 208 Week Ending Friday 20th March 2020



Spring Term

Well done to our fabulous choir and Mrs Billington, Mr Cooper and Mr Boyd. They opened the evening with two wonderful performances that awarded them 'Judges Choice'!



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What a week!!!! I would like to start by saying thank you to the wonderful, kind messages of support we have received from so many of our families. Due to the coronavirus outbreak, we will be closed until further notice. We hope that you and your families stay well and look forward to seeing you soon.

It has been incredibly upsetting to say goodbye to our Year 6 Pupils today. Not only have they made significant progress in their learning, they have blossomed into being the most delightful set of people. I along with my team have been blessed to see them develop over the years and it has been a true privilege to have been their headteacher these past six years. They were predicted to get the best results this school has known. I feel it is pertinent to share this data with you as these children have worked so hard in Primary School to get to this standard. We had anticipated having a few more weeks of teaching and get even better outcomes.

At least 91% of our pupils in Year Six were expected to leave our setting having achieved at least the expected standards in Reading.
At least 85% were showing capability already within their written work to achieve at least the expected standard.
At least 93% of our Year Six cohort were evidencing the ability to achieve at least the expected standard in Maths.

We will obviously share our teacher assessments with their high schools whilst also being mindful that the pace and rigor of school will cease for them from today onwards. High Schools will have to plug gaps in learning to get them back on track but you can help by accessing the home learning links to keep your child thinking and applying their skills and knowledge.

It was anticipated that at least 86% of our Year One children should have passed their phonics tests with 93% of our Year Two children achieving at least the expected standard in Reading, 78% in writing and 98% in Maths.
Our Year Four pupils were due to be tested on their times tables and 89% were on track to do well.

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If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.

That is why the government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked **schools to close today and open only for those children who absolutely need to attend.**

I am truly sorry for the bombardment of emails you have received these past few days. Families have been asked to show consideration for the steps government are taking in endeavouring to lower the risk of spreading the virus and only request a school place if it is necessary. There is an absolute expectation that if you can look after your children at home you must do so. According to data provided by our local authority it is anticipated that this be roughly 10% of our school. However, our most recent data collection has recorded a need for care higher than 50% which we cannot manage as our working team is reducing daily. It is for this reason we have had to introduce a tier system as operated in other schools.

School officially is closed as from today at 15:30 for all pupils unless a place has been allocated. Parents will be notified via email every week to confirm allocation. School will open on **Tuesday 24th March 2020** at 08:30 for those pupils only.

We are planning to run a longer school day to assist key workers getting to and from work Mondays to Fridays where school gates will be open from 8:20 to allow children to enter school through our hall. We are to open the school gates again at 17:10 for pick up at 17:30 from the main playground via the hall. We are not able to be flexible with these times and therefore will not be charging for the additional time in school. We are expecting children to come to school wearing their own clothes but they will still need drinks, healthy snacks, toast money and packed lunches if not having a lunch provided by school. Miss Savage has created a booking system on parent pay for Free School Meals and to keep us up to date about whether we are to expect your child in school each week. The cut off for this is noon the Friday before. A text will go out when it is live. We thank you in advance of your cooperation with this.

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