

Your Newsletter

A few dates to put on your calendars:

Monday 6th February ~ Dance Festival

No teacher-led clubs on Monday 6th, Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th due to staff training and parents' evenings.

8th and 9th February ~ Online Parents' Evenings (Eagles' Class will hold their sessions on Monday the 6th and Tuesday the 7th)

Friday 10th February ~ break up for half term at 15:30

Monday 20th February ~ Back to school

Tuesday 21st February 15:45-16:15 ~ Year 1 Parent Workshop for Phonics

Friday 24th February ~ PTFA Sharing the love for Valentines with a donut sale on both gates at hometime £1.00)

Tuesday 28th February 15:45-16:15 ~ Year 2 Parent Workshop for SATs.

Thursday 2nd March ~ LKS2 trip to Ribchester Roman Museum

Thursday 16th March ~ PTFA Mothers' Day 15:00-15:30 OR 17:00-17:30 Further details to come.

Teachers' Strike:

School **will remain open** with Early Bird and Late Larks running too.

Teachers are due to strike with National strikes scheduled for 1

February, 15 and 16 March. There is a regional date of 28 February too.

Playtime Leaders

Next term, we are recruiting and training some new playground leaders for next academic year. The aim of the Playground Leaders Scheme is to introduce and develop leadership skills in our children, as well as increasing the amount of physical activity undertaken during lunch time and reducing the amount of anti-social behaviour.

Having organised activities on offer also helps our children to play together co-operatively. This is especially beneficial for those who struggle with friendships or social situations.

The Playground Leader scheme helps to raise self-esteem and self-confidence in our leaders. We provide them with specific equipment for the games they organise and deliver during lunchtime.

At our school, Playground Leaders undertake training in year 4 and 5 and agree to:

- Give up some of one of their lunchtimes to lead and support games
- Help to organise games & activities for younger children in the playground
- Be responsible for handing out & collecting in play equipment
- Help to make the playground a safe & happy place to play
- Complete a playground leader's course.

Any year 4 or 5 child is welcome to apply and must do so by submitting a letter to Mrs Shepherd outlining why they think they would be suitable for the role no later than Friday 10th February. Students will be informed whether they have been successful during the first week of next term.

Sport this week:

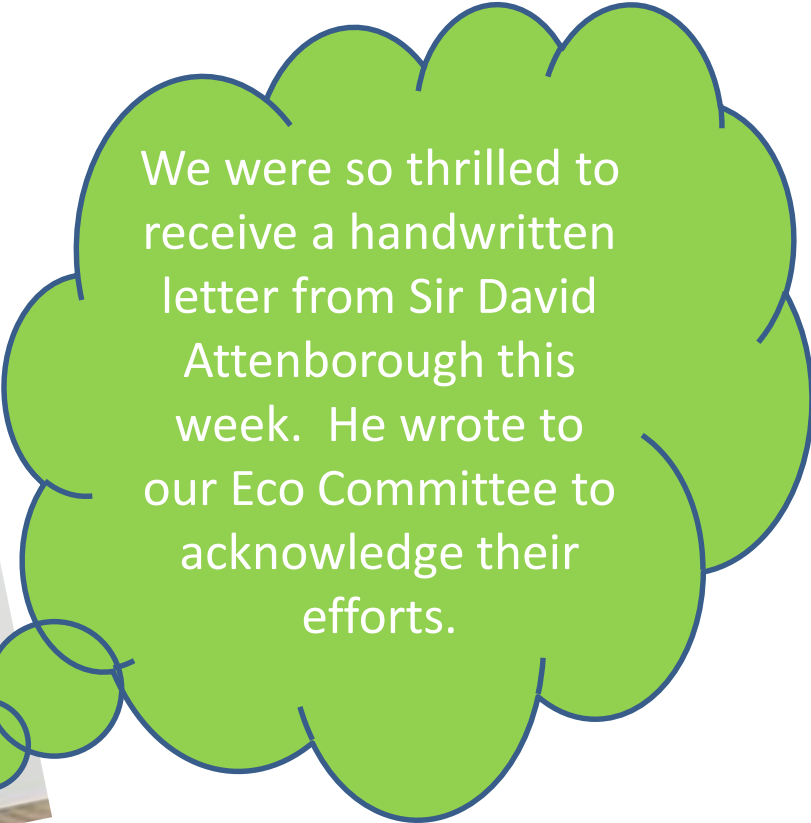
Some of our Year 5 and 6 pupils represented school at the annual Indoor Athletics Festival last week at Rossall. Although we didn't win the children were brilliant!

Our football team attended a match this Monday without their faithful Year 6 members. They won 2-1 against Larkholme. So proud!

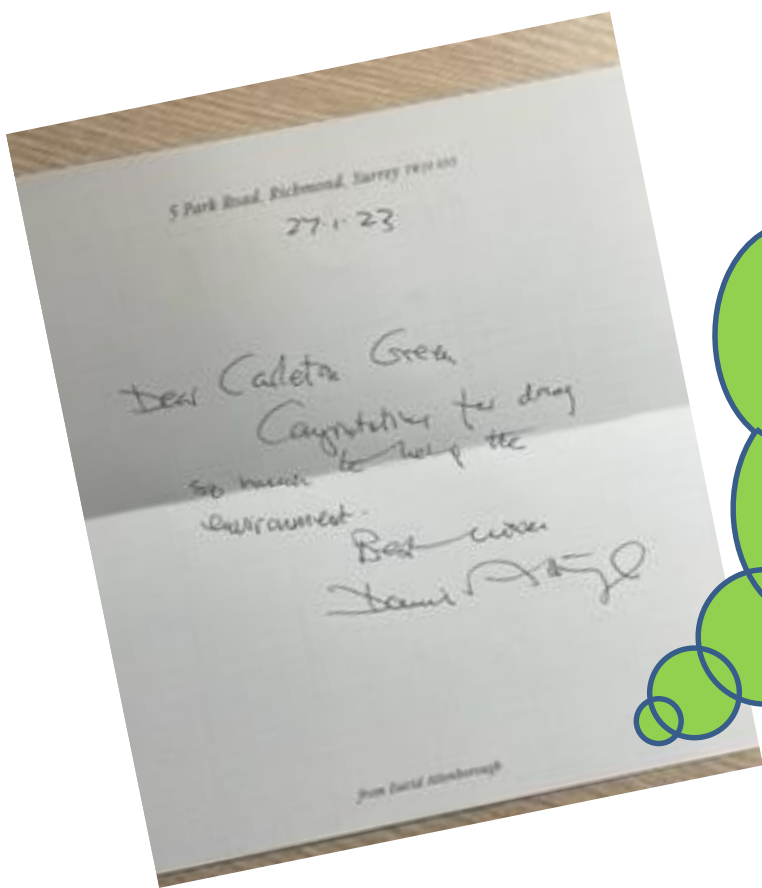
Our Year 6's departed on Monday for their residential trip to Waterpark in Coniston.

We are very grateful to Mrs Crooks, Miss Hardman, Mrs Stock, Mrs Clark, Miss Savage and Mrs Billington for giving up the comfort of their homes and time with their families to support this trip. The children look like they have had a amazing time! Certainly looks like they have done a lot!

We are sure that the children will have loved every minute of this trip and make some lifelong memories. I have really enjoyed seeing the posts on Twitter.



We were so thrilled to receive a handwritten letter from Sir David Attenborough this week. He wrote to our Eco Committee to acknowledge their efforts.





We are very keen to get back to improving our outdoor spaces and really need some help!!!!

We are planning on creating a sensory garden with an outdoor library for our children to enjoy in their playtimes. Any ideas or resources would be most welcome.

Our youngest pupils in Little Chicks and Ducklings would love a mud kitchen. If anyone has the resources and the know-how...we would very much appreciate your time and effort.

We would really be grateful for some help with the removal of a few items:

- a wooden reel at the front of our school,
- benches on the playground that have become broken
- and a concrete (grass covered) picnic table that is out of use.

These require someone kindly breaking them apart and then taking to the tip.

(The logs on the field are already signposted for use elsewhere in school)

Reminders & Notices:

- Please only communicate with staff using their work email addresses or through the school office during the working week 08:00-17:00. Some parents have found staff on Facebook and WhatsApp and have communicated about school matters on these platforms. Staff have been asked to remove parents from their social media accounts.
- We ask that our carpark is not used for dropping your children off before and after school. Yet still have parents using the school carpark and have seen some very inconsiderate parking in the local area. There will be police checks taking place to help stop this.