



# Newsletter – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022

**On this day** – 1991: A Gulf War ceasefire is announced in Washington by President George Bush.  
**Birthdays** - 1979: Ivo Karlović, Croatian tennis player, born in Zagreb, Croatia.

Dear parents, carers and families,

I hope you have all enjoyed a peaceful weekend. It was a positive week in school last week, during which we welcomed some new members of staff to school. Many of you will have seen Mr Stanley on the school gate. Mr Stanley will be working with us for a couple of days a week this half term, with a view to supporting Mrs Yeoman as her deputy in the summer term. We also welcomed Miss Swapna, supporting in Year 2; Mrs Mekaoui, working in Reception; and Mrs Bruce, who is working with the Year 6 team. Welcome all.

Year 4 had their final swimming session on Thursday afternoon. Between their excellent work, and that of the Year 5 children previously, we have left a very positive impression on the team at Parkside pools, who have hosted us for the lessons. Thank you to the children, and the adults leading them, for representing our school so well.

Elm Class (Year 1) had a fantastic day at Shepreth Wildlife Park on Friday, with lots of tired children on the coach ride home! Thank you to Miss Pritchard and Ms Holder for arranging and leading this trip, and to the parents who supported. It is so positive for the children to be able to share these experiences once more.

I have noticed recently that many children do not have the correct kit to take part in PE lessons, and sometimes no kit at all. All children will have PE throughout the school week. If you are unsure of when this is, please check with your child's class teacher. PE kit consists of a plain white t-shirt, jumper if outside, black shorts or tracksuit bottoms, and trainers or plimsolls. For our older children, especially, the routine of having the correct kit for the sessions will become important as they prepare for high school.

Finally, we had an average of 97.6% attendance across the school last week, which was very pleasing. On the punctuality front, we had 38 arrivals throughout the week between 8.40 and 8.50am, with just four arrivals after 9.00am. Thank you, once again, for supporting the children to start the day positively.

With best wishes for the week ahead,  
Richard Martin.

## Attendance data...

1 <sup>st</sup>	Elm Class	100%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Oak Class	100%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Elder Class	98.9%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Beech Class	98.8%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Hazel Class	96.2%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Hawthorn Class	95.5%
7 <sup>th</sup>	Pine Class	93.6%

## Punctuality data...

1 <sup>st</sup>	Hawthorn Class	98%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Oak Class	97.3%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Hazel Class	95.5%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Elder Class	94.7%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Beech Class	94.4%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Pine Class	94%
7 <sup>th</sup>	Elm Class	93.6%

## DIARY DATES

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March:** World Book Day.

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March:** *History off the Page* in school to visit Year 2.

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March:** Year 3 to The Sedgwick Museum.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March:** Red Nose Day / Comic Relief.

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March:** SOCS Summer Fete meeting – 6.30pm online.



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