

Weekly Newsletter

26.01.2024



Upcoming Dates:

w/c 29th January: Year 3 4 5 Assessments

2nd February: Book & Bake Sale after school (Year 6 Enterprise)

6th February: Safer Internet Day 2024

Upcoming Dates: Continued...

World Book Day 2024 & Earith Book Club World Book Day Event: 7th March & 8th March

Same rules apply as every year – everyone's a character! Have fun with it, children. You can dress as any character you like. If it's book-related, great. If it's not, we don't mind. Even if you want to come in your school uniform or non-uniform, that's fine, too. Everyone's a character!! There will be lots of fun, centred on, arguably, the most important thing children can do – learn to, and love to, READ!

Then, on the Friday (8th March) a special event after school in the Hall, led by Book Club. Everyone's welcome! Watch this space...exciting!

Fancy another dress-up day? 22nd March 2024: World Maths Day

Robots, Rockstars or Numbers – you decide!

If you want to dress as a robot – homage to Numbots – do it!

If you want to dress as a Rockstar – homage to Times Table Rockstars – do it!

If you want to dress as a/wear a number of any shape size or amount – do it!

World Maths Day is on Saturday 23rd March, and you can dress as any of the three above in homage to the beautiful subject of mathematics on **Friday 22nd March, where we will be celebrating in school.**

Year 6 Enterprise: Book & Bake Sale Friday

Come and join us in the Hall on Friday after school where some of the Year 6s will be selling off a range of older books from the Earith library: early readers, non-fiction and fiction – come and take a look! We're sure there's something for everyone. Proceeds from this go into the Year 6 Enterprise pot to fund some End of Year enrichment.

Fancy a Friday treat? Cakes on sale, courtesy of FOES, too. Donations from Gold class graciously received on Thursday night or Friday morning. Proceeds from cakes goes back into the FOES pot.

Times Table Rockstars

Well done, children. We've now climbed to 3rd position (out of 30) nearby schools based on your times tables fluency! Well done. Keep *rocking* the top spot!

Debating Assemblies: KS1

We were excited to officially launch our House Debating Curriculum last week. Alternate weeks; alternate Key Stages; alternate houses – mapped out for this year and next. A range of interesting topics that all children will have an opinion on and can access. Lovely to see children having the confidence to interact and debate in a structured way, all within the comfort of a familiar environment (the Hall) and their respective Key Stage & House pupils. This week was KS1 Houses with Year R observing. Again, so wonderful as the debate went on to watch children grow in confidence to articulate their points on KS1's first debate:

Which is the best colour: red or blue?

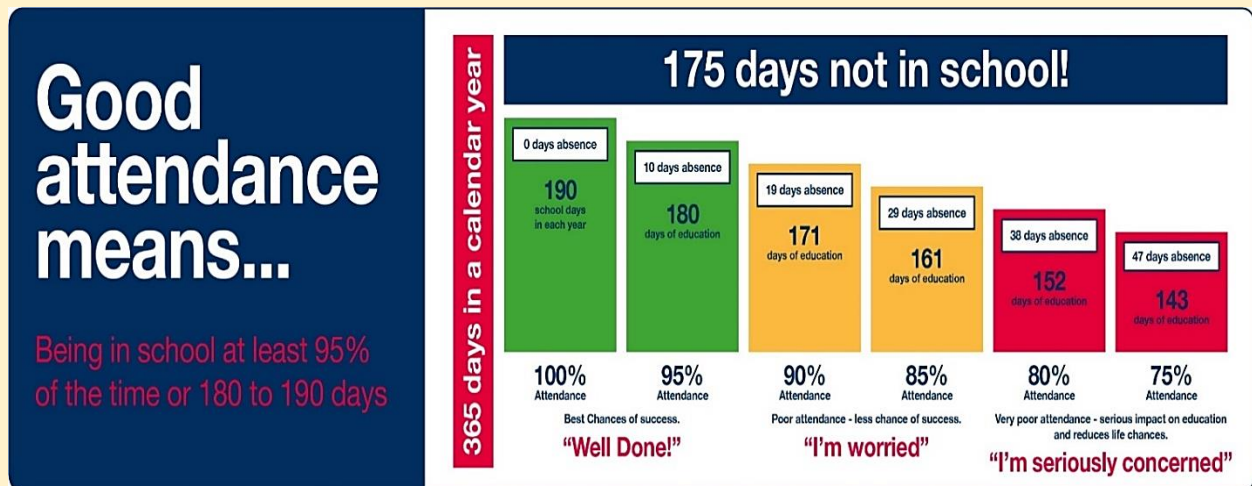
I'm personally excited to watch these debates flourish over coming weeks, months and years. Just imagine the potential confidence your children could have at not debating in views in a considered way, but also their growing confidence in public speaking! Please encourage them: if they have something to say, just say it! All opinions/efforts are valued and encouraged.

Spotlight on Attendance

A couple of weeks we wrote about the increase in term time holidays. Please do not take your child out of school for this reason. If only for a day, it creates gaps in learning in a cumulative curriculum, based on skills and knowledge that are hard to 'plug'.

This week, please consider punctuality. School starts at 08:45 with a morning settling task which is linked to current learning. This morning task provides a settled start for your children, and of course, accelerates progress. Starting after this time, again, creates more gaps and can impact your child's settled start. 15 mins late a day = 49 lost hours of learning over an Academic Year...gosh!

Here's the useful infographic, in case you've missed it:



Bikeability

There are still a few places available for the Level 1 and 2 Bikeability course for Year 5 and 6 pupils. The course will take place week beginning 1st July 2024. Please ask at the school office if your child is interested in taking part.



Welcome Mrs Green

Welcome to Mrs Georgia Green who has been successfully appointed to the role of two day a week Teaching Assistant at our school. Mrs Green is also a qualified and experienced Upper Key Stage Two Teacher. We are looking forward to Georgia joining us from Monday.

Riddell Trip

Multiple parents feeding back how inspired their child in Riddell was following the recent trip to West Stow Anglo Saxon village – further consolidating, either their love for History; sparking additional research or consolidating wider aspirations for their future. Wonderful. The power of curricula!



It is our new Winter Warmer lunch on Thursday, the menu is different from the usual, please make sure you check the menu.

Winter Warmer Lunch



THURSDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2024

Hot Baguettes

Italian Meatball
Ham & Cheese
Spicy Chicken
Cheese & Tomato

Potato Wedges

Sweetcorn

Salad Bar

Hot Chocolate Brownie

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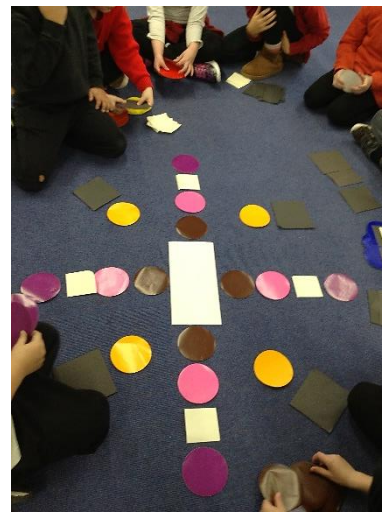
Learning Highlights of the Week

Highlight Jeffers:

This week in Jeffers we have enjoyed learning songs and putting actions to them. We learnt three verses to Row Row Row Your Boat, each time spotting a different animal from our boat.

Highlight Shireen:

Shireen Class have enjoyed working collaboratively in some of our maths lessons this week. Year 1 arranged shapes into several repeating and radiating patterns. Year 2 children worked together to discuss criteria for sorting different polygons, finding more than one way to do this.



Highlight Riddell:

The highlight in Riddell Class this week is, of course, our incredible trip to West Stow Anglo Saxon village! The children loved exploring the museum, where they were able to handle artefacts and see how the Anglo Saxons might have lived, and were able to investigate the rebuilt houses and ask the experts some amazing questions. The children had a wonderful day and represented the school in an exemplary manner.



Highlight Gold:

Spending time with their buddies, was the highlight for Gold Class, this week. Watching the children reading with their buddies, and then seeing the sheer engagement and enjoyment etched on their buddies' faces, was delightful to see.

Curriculum Champions

This week's Curriculum Champions are:

Jeffers Class: Cruise, Robyn, Emilia, Jasmina

Shireen Class: Oliver P, Elysia, Harry, Ava

Riddell Class: Lucas, Freya, Harry D, Bobbi, Luke,

Gold Class: Zoya, Jayden, Diana, Anshveer



Attendance Matters



100% Attendance = 100%

Winning class for week ending 19.01.2024

Jeffers Class: 99.13%

Whole School: 97.92%

HOUSE WINNER THIS WEEK:



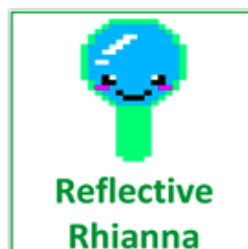
[Community News and Events this week:](#) - click [HERE](#)



Please see Sid the Cygnet on his website page – click [HERE](#)

Reading Blog [HERE](#)

Celebration Awards Assemblies - click [HERE](#)



New in green; Emphasizing/Revisions in yellow

Spring 1

w/c 29th January: Year 3 4 5 Assessments

2nd February: Book & Bake Sale after school (Year 6 Enterprise)

6th February: Safer Internet Day 2024

Spring 2

w/c 26th February: Year 1 & 2 Assessments

w/c 4th March: Year 6 Assessments

7th March: World Book Day Legend (dress as any character you like!) Book Club Event

8th March: Book Club: World Book Day Event

8th March: Year 1 & 2 Class Assembly

11th March: Queen Mother Handwriting Competition

12th March: DT Day: British Science Week

15th March: Big Red Nose Coin Drop (assembly)

15th March: Science Day: British Science Week

19th March: Parents Evening 3

20th March: Parents Evening 4

23rd March: World Maths Day (Saturday) – celebrating 22nd March in school

26th March: PM Egg Rolling Competition

27th March: PM: Egg Decorating

28th March: Assembly & FOES Egg Hunt **TBC**

Summer 1

22nd April: Pool Opens **TBC**

26th April: Year R Class Assembly

w/c 13th May: KS2 SATS Week (Year 6)

17th May: FOES Disco: **TBC**

20th May: Healthy Week

w/c 20th May: Year 2 Assessments

24th May: Sports Day

Summer 2

w/c 10th June: Phonics Screening Check & Assessments (Year 1)

w/c 3rd June: Year 3, 4, 5 Assessments

Between 3rd – 14th June: Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

21st June: World Music Day

1st & 2nd July: Bikeability (Year 5 & 6)

4th July: Sid the Cygnet's 4th Birthday: Geography Fieldwork & FOES Sponsored Walk: **TBC**

8th – 10th July: Hilltop Residential (Year 5 & 6)

15th -19th July: Transition Week: **TBC**

17th July: EOY Reports released

19th July: Head's Award, Badges, FOES Best Dressed Summer Theme, Leavers Assembly

19th July: Year 6 Enterprise funded lunch: **TBC**

19th July: Year 6 Pool Party PM: **TBC**