

Weekly Newsletter

01.03.2024



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

every student, every day



Winning Class for Week Ending 16.01.2024

Jeffers Class: **93.04%**

Whole School: **90.38%**

90-94%

95 -97%

98-99%

100%

Upcoming Dates:

4th March: Library Opening

w/c 4th March: Year 6 Assessments (spread out over this week and next week)

6th March: EYFS Outdoor Area: redesign project starts

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

8th March: Year 1 & 2 Class Assembly

8th March: Book Club: World Book Day Event: Mad Hatter's Tea Party

NEXT WEEK (COMMENCING 4th March)

Grand Opening: Library

Library opening ceremony with school librarians and Lynsey Holzer (CEO: Active Learning Trust) on **Monday (4th) morning** – exciting!

EYFS Outdoor Area

We are pleased to announce our EYFS Outdoor Area is getting a jolly good, and well-deserved, makeover!

Pentagon Play have been commissioned to lead the design. **Works start on Wednesday (6th) morning.**

The project should be complete in just over one week and I'm sure, just like our children, you will be very keen to see the project unfold. I *would* drop some of the design pictures in the newsletter for you, but I don't want to ruin the surprise!

Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience this causes during drop-off etc. The works should be relatively contained but of course, please advise your children not to go near/touch anything building/project related!

World Book Day

Is on Thursday (7th). You know the drill by now! Dress as absolutely anything, or a character you like. Just have fun with it! The most important thing of all is a celebration – a celebration of, arguably, the most important thing ever at school – **LOVING READING!**

Year 1 & 2 Class Assembly

This includes all Year 1s & all Year 2s (if you hadn't already worked that out). Straight after our celebratory assembly **on Friday (6th)**. All are welcome.

Mad Hatter's Tea Party

Following Book Club's highly successful event (The Giant Picnic) last year, in which many families were able to attend, you are cordially invited to take part in all the fun, games and sweet treats once again this year at **The Mad Hatter's Tea Party (see flyer below)**. **After school on Friday 6th March in the Hall.** *Once again*, in homage to World Book Day and in celebration of, arguably, the most important thing ever at school – **LOVING READING!**

THE WEEK AFTER (COMMENCING 11th March)

DT Day: Tuesday 12th March

Super excited about this one, as I'm sure our children will be given how enthusiastic they are about loom band making at lunchtimes. Children putting their design skills to the test, during a day of jewellery design and making across school. Wonderful.

Gold Class School Trip: Wednesday 13th March

To the theatre & to the museum! Fabulous.

Pre-School Bake Sale: Thursday 14th March

Raising necessary funds next door – please support our colleagues if you can. Goodies for sale at the gates after school!

Science Day: Friday 15th March

Investigations happening across school linked to *time*. Can't wait!!

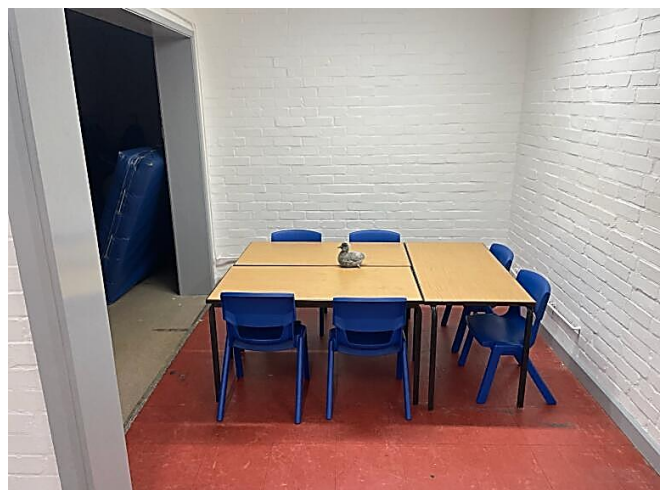
School Uniform Survey

We really appreciate your feedback. It was a pleasure to read all the comments. If you haven't read the results letter, yet? [LINK](#)

The Nook & Outdoor Spaces

We have created a new intervention nook in the Hall, being utilised by staff and children.

Many of our outdoor sheds have now also been repurposed (following a big clear-out!) for us to use to support children's responsibilities (Active Citizenship) and lunchtime engagement.



Rotary Quiz

Thank you to the children who took part in this year's Rotary Club Quiz. The children showed their breadth of knowledge, by working as a team to answer a range of general knowledge questions. A fantastic result from the children in Gold Class.



Learning Highlights of the Week

Highlight Jeffers:

It has been lovely to welcome children in Jeffers class back after the half term break. This week we have begun a unit of work on Kings and Queens. The children in YR have begun to find out about the Royal Family, whilst those in Y1 have been able to recall and then extend on previously learnt knowledge.

Highlight Shireen:

This week Shireen class have started learning our new Science unit of work, Taking Care of the Earth. We began sharing ideas about why it was so important to look after our environment. The children were all so knowledgeable and had great ideas to share. We are really looking forward to learning more ways we can help protect the Earth throughout this half term.

Highlight Riddell:

We have been botanists in Riddell Class this week - studying flowering plants up close, identifying features and thinking carefully about the functions those features have. We have also learned more about the South West of England, looking at beautiful beaches, stunning national parks and pies with fish-heads poking out!



Highlight Gold:



This week in Gold Class, our budding artists have produced some fantastic artwork. Utilising watercolours, they skillfully applied their key knowledge of blending to create the desired shade. Furthermore, the attention to detail in each piece of artwork, was outstanding - showcasing their growing talents.

Curriculum Champions

This week's Curriculum Champions are:



Jeffers Class: Lara, Oliver, Matthew

Shireen Class: Aadi, Layla-Fae, Charlie

Riddell Class: Olivia, Teddy, Oliver R, Lily

Gold Class: Jake, Millie, Eleanor, Maya W, Diana, Gordon

Nifty Numboteers



Oliver B,
Abigail,
Connor,
Sullivan, Leon,
Oscar, Freddie
R, Paddy,
Harry S, Faye,
Ayla



Isabelle,
Jasmina,
Harrison,
Emilia,
Mason H,
Jessica,
Adde



Elsie L



Darcie

HOUSE WINNER THIS WEEK:



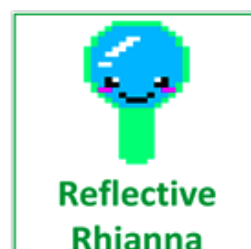
Community News and Events
this week: - click [HERE](#)



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 2

w/c 4th March: Year 6 Assessments (spread out over this week and next week)
7th March: World Book Day Legend (dress as any character you like!) Book Club Event
8th March: Book Club: World Book Day Event. **Mad Hatter's Tea Party**
8th March: Year 1 & 2 Class Assembly
11th March: Queen Mother Handwriting Competition
12th March: DT Day: British Science Week
13th March: Gold Class School Trip
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**