



# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January

## Headteacher's update

Happy New Year! I hope that you had a good Christmas and that yours wasn't too disrupted by Covid. I sent out a letter earlier this week with the new guidance regarding isolation following a positive test result or being a close contact. We currently have relatively low numbers of positive cases within the school community but I do think that this will increase over the next few weeks. We need to try and limit the impact by ensuring we continue to test, isolate when necessary and by wearing face masks.

## Parents Evening

We will be holding a parents' evening on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January. Unfortunately, these cannot be in person so will be done via TEAMS. You will be able to book a timeslot on the school app shortly. You will be emailed out a joining code. Then on the night you log into TEAMS, wait in the waiting room and the teacher will admit you. Although this will be the first time we have done it this way, I have spoken to other schools who use this system and it works really well.

## Uniform

Please can you ensure that all pupils are in full uniform **including black school shoes** every day (unless they are doing PE) ->

## Forest School

Beech class will be attending Forest School on a Monday morning and Maple class on a Wednesday morning this half term starting next week. Please make sure they have warm and waterproof clothing.

## Punctuality

A reminder that doors to classrooms open at 8:45 and are closed at 8.55am prompt. If you arrive after this time your child needs to go the main entrance and sign in on the screen. This is for important safeguarding and safety reasons. Please do not complain to staff if you arrive after this time and you are sent to the office

## Clubs

Clubs will start on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January and run until w/c Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March. Next week you will be able to sign your child up on the school app.

## Swimming

Year 4 pupils will continue to swim on a Thursday morning all this term. **Please can you ensure pupils come to school in their uniform on their swimming day (not PE kit or non-uniform).**

## PE kits

Can I remind you that on your child's PE day they should be in a school PE kit not a football shirt or random T-shirt. The PE kit is:

- Coloured school PE t-shirt
- Blue or black shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms
- School jumper or cardigan or new school hoodie (now available to order for £11/£12.50)
- Trainers

## SEAL theme and value

Our SEAL theme for this half term is Going for Goals. Children will be thinking what they need to do to achieve their goals including perseverance and determination. Our Highfield Heroic Value for this half term is resilience

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## 100% attendance badges

Well done to the following children who had 100% attendance last term (not counting Covid related absence) and received a bronze badge today:

Jasmine Ahmed, Ammad Anwar, Freddie Bennetton, Isabella Carter, Ellenor Clarke, Kiara Crotty, Isabel Davies, Libby Davies, Daisy Dootson, Rares Enache, Damson Evans, Katie Forshaw, Rowan Futter, Beatriz Galhofo, Ava Gardner, Wasiq Ghufuran, Sophia Hall, Omar Hamam, Mya Hamzaoui, Joshua Hart, Aahil Hassan, Blake Higham, Sophia Hall, Lorraine Higham, Alice Hunter, Alfie Ireland, Lily Irish, Ruby Irish, Byron Kay, Sheza Khan, Ethan Lancaster, Coby Little, Eddie Melling, Eric Melling, Mila Moorcroft, Ozan Mustafa, Alexander Newton-Pow, Lily Newton-Pow, Lance Overell, Magnus Overell, Darius Pascalau, Joshua Pascalau, Martyna Piorkowska, Naim Rahman, David Rozek, Sara Rosek, Nimra Shah, Aysha Shahid, Noordin Shahid, Poppy Southward, Elisha Taylor, Ismaeel Umair, Phoebe Wallbank, Oliver Winstanley

## House winners

**Astley** pupils in KS12 will have their inflatable party next Wednesday. They can come to school on that day in non-uniform. They will get an invitation if they are in that team.

## Happy Birthday

We wished a happy birthday today to Alayah White.



## House Points

House points this week:

Astley 1pt  
Crosse 5pt  
Duxbury 2pt  
Gillibrand 3pt

	Attendance Matters - Whole School Target <b>96%+ Well Done</b>									
	Elm	Hazel	Beech	Maple	Pine	Cherry	Rowan	Syc	Willow	Overall
Week	98.8	90.4	88.8	98.8	98.7	94.9	90.5	88.7	95	93.9
Term	98.8	90.4	88.8	98.8	98.7	94.9	90.5	88.7	95	93.9
Year	93.1	94	93	96.7	95	95.8	91.1	96.7	94.6	94.4

Elm and Maple had the joint best attendance this week and got two moves on the Classopoly board. Cherry class had the fewest number of lates. **In 3 days there were 37 pupils late!**

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