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This week our attendance was...

**93.8%**

Oh no – Let's get to 96%

23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been a busy week this week with our local PCSO visiting school to run a workshop around staying safe with our year 6 classes, a carbon monoxide safety workshop with our year 3's, class photographs today and there looks to have been lots of great work posted on Facebook so a big well done to everyone!

**World Book Day:**

Just as a heads up, World Book Day is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March this year and we will be inviting all children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Mrs Walsh is busy creating a fun packed day for the children whilst we have also booked in a travelling theatre company who are going to come and perform for the whole school on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>. It should be a great couple of days!

**PE this half term:**

I know there have been a few questions around why we need to change our PE days each half term. This is because in addition to our teachers delivering PE lessons we also invite PE specialists into school throughout the school year. To ensure ALL children have the opportunity to attend specialist delivery the timetable has to be changed so different classes have PE on the days they are in school. The other classes then fit around this. I hope this makes sense. If you have any questions then please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Just as a reminder for this half term our slots are:

Early Years – Tuesday

Years 1 and 2 – Thursday and Friday

Years 3 and 4 – Monday and Wednesday

Years 5 and 6 – Tuesday and Thursday

**Attendance Week Raffle:**

This week in school was an attendance award winning week. All children who have been in school every day and on time were entered into a draw which was drawn today to win a supermarket voucher. We are delighted to announce that

the winner is Hannah in year 2. Congratulations, your voucher will be coming home tonight.

### **Family Hub Update:**

FAMILY HUB COFFEE MORNING \_with information to help with Bedtime Routines and a good night's sleep for your children.

Please join us for refreshments & free clothing + toiletries - everyone is welcome: on Wednesday 28th February from 8.45am to 10.15am.

### **And finally, this week's superstars are...**

**Nursery – Paul-Junior** for settling into nursery so well and adapting to new routines and **Ava** for being so kind and helpful with her friends. Well done both of you!

**RT – Isaac** for an amazing effort in yoga and **Grace** for a super effort with blending. Well done both of you!

**RM – Wiinter** for making so much progress in phonics and **Muhammed** for demonstrating incredible athletic skills. Well done both of you, you are superstars!

**1M –Isabella** for her wonderful enthusiasm for learning and **Tommy** for always doing the right thing. Well done both of you!

**1/2G – Jack** for always trying his very best in everything he does and **Louie** for his new found love of reading and making brilliant progress. Also, the whole of 1/2G for super reading this week. Well done all of you!

**2B – Luke** for an amazing effort in literacy and maths and for great **Lexcy** for always contributing to classroom topics. We are so proud of you both – Well done!

**3B – Nora** for getting a super score in her spellings and **Sienna** for reading at home independently. Well done both of you!

**3/4D – Georgia** for brilliant science work this week and **Blake** for brilliant work in maths. Well done both of you!

**4FB – Harley** for being an absolute superstar this week and always being ready to learn and **the whole of 4FB** for adapting so well to all the changes that have happened this week. Well done all of you!

**5W – Ozzy** for a brilliant effort with his handwriting and presentation and **Mira** for being an always child every single day. Well done both of you!

**6H – Leah** and **Sofia** for working so hard on their inference lesson. They engaged in the new text and confidently completed their group activity before creating a great narrative. Well done both of you!

**6HP – Kayden** for writing a fantastic narrative with lots of adjectives and **the whole class** for being absolute superstars throughout our workshop with our local PCSO officer. Well done everyone!

A big well done to everyone!!

### **Upcoming dates for your diary:**

(Please note this will be updated with new dates as the term progresses)

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** – World Book Day

Reception and Year 6 heights and weights – school nurse

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 6 London Parliament Trip

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March** – Book Fair in school

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March** – Parents Evening  
**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March** – Comic Relief  
**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 3 and 4 production – 2pm  
**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 3 and 4 production – 9.30am  
**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March** – World Poetry Day  
**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** – Easter Class swap day  
**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March** – Easter Bonnet competition – EY and KS1  
                                     Easter Egg decoration competition – KS2  
                                     Family Easter Bingo – All welcome – 3.30pm  
**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March** – Easter themed celebration assembly  
                                     School closes for the Easter holiday at **1.30pm**

Any questions or queries then please don't hesitate to ask; thank you for your continued support,

Ms S Upton  
Headteacher

**Coming up next week...**

Date	Event	Time
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Lego Club – Years 1 and 2	3.15pm – 4.15pm
P.E. – 3B 3/4D 4FB	Drawing Club – Years 1 and 2	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Recycled Robots – Years 3 and 4	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Eco Club – Years 5 and 6	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Football – Years 5 and 6	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	SATs revision – English – Year 6	8am
	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Seasonal Crafts – Years 1 and 2
P.E. – Early Years 5W 6HP 6H	Cosmic Yoga – Years 3 and 4	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Just Dance – Years 3 and 4	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Tangling and Doodling (10 max) – Years 5 and 6	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Mini Choir – Years 1 and 2
P.E. – 3B 3/4D 4FB	Rugby – Year 3 Year 5	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	Bingo – Years 1 and 2

<p>P.E. – 1M 1/2G 2B 5W 6HP 6H</p>	<p>Choir – Years 3 / 4 / 5 / 6</p> <p>Keyboard (same children as last time)</p> <p>SATs revision – Maths – Year 6</p>	<p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p> <p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p> <p>8am</p>
<p>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March</p> <p>P.E. – 1M 1/2G 2B</p>	<p>Puppets, dancing, rhymes and songs - Reception</p> <p>Football – Years 3 and 4 (BFC)</p>	<p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p> <p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p>