

## Newsletter - 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023

**PUNCTUALITY - MORNINGS - IT IS VITAL THAT YOUR CHILD ARRIVES TO SCHOOL ON TIME.** Lateness affects your child's learning, wellbeing, and impacts on staff, and other children.

Nursery children must arrive in a morning between 8.30-8.40am. Reception the doors will be closed at 8.50am.

**HOME TIME** – Please make sure you pick your children up on time. We are often left with children outside the office after 3.30pm. On occasion things happen and you are late, if this happens please call school and let us know but we do not have spare staff to supervise children whose parents/carers are late on a regular basis. This results in myself or another member of staff having to wait with them and often means we miss important meetings or the office staff having to stay late. Please do not rely on older siblings who are coming from high school if they are unable to make it on time. This is unacceptable so please ensure you have adequate arrangements in place for home time.

**Worship** – Our current theme is courage

**What we are doing to make things better.** Last week I met with people from Leeds City Council and we have agreed that work on our school roof will begin this year.

**School Dinners-** Reminder that all children in Reception, Year 1 & 2 receive universal free school meals, children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 maybe entitled to benefit based free school meals if you are in receipt of certain benefits. If you think you may be entitled, please use the link to see how you can apply: <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/apply-for-free-school-meals>

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**Headteachers Awards – Well done to the children who have had a great week in school.**

The teachers in school have decided these children have worked particularly hard this week and should receive a special mention and certificate, presented on a Friday afternoon in our assembly. Well done!

*Class 1 Aadam*

*Class 2 Ella-Grace*

*Class 3 Daniel*

*Class 4 Ibrahim*

*Class 5 Lenny*

*Class 6 Esa*

*Class 7 Lamaisah*

*Class 8 Jamie*

*Class 9 Yomade*

*Class 10 Charis*

*Class 11 George D*

*Class 12 Alex*

*Class 13 Ikshan*

*Class 14 Daria*

*Class 15 Zain*

*Class 16 Fayyaza*

*Class 17 Alex*

**Best Classes in School-** These classes worked well this week and together earned the most points for their work and behaviour. **KS1 – Class 6** **KS2 – Class 16**

**Attendance Winners this week:**

**KS1 - Class 5 – 99.2%**

**KS2 – Class 15 – 100%**

**Whole School Attendance for last week: Nursery: 92.1% Reception to Year 6: 93.8%**

## **Weekly Round Up**

**Reception** – This week has been very exciting! We had a visit from Animal Club on Tuesday and got to touch and hold guinea pigs, rabbits, bearded dragons and even a snake. The children were really careful handling the animals and listened to all the facts about each one. The children worked hard to write some simple words and sentences about their experience. All the staff were very proud of their excellent behaviour! As part of our R.E this week, we have asked the children to share some ways they are helpful at home. We are really enjoying looking at the photos on Learning Journals.

**Year 1 & 2** – This week the children have begun learning their new topics for this half term. They have started to think about explorers in Year 1 and the Great fire of London in Year 2. Children have learnt about Christopher Columbus and how he was an explorer from the past. They have thought about the positives and negatives with exploring new lands and how the native people would have felt when new people often invaded their home. In Year

2, children have enjoyed reading poetry about The Great Fire of London. They have then created their own poetry using expanded noun phrases.

**Year 3 & 4** –This week, Years 3 and 4 have enjoyed taking part in a Roman day to start our new history topic. We got the opportunity to dress as Romans for the day, as well as taking part in various activities. We created Roman shields, made wartime formations, learned roman numerals and made mosaics. Please see the website for our exciting photographs. Next week, we will be taking part in our bikeability sessions. Please remember to bring in your bike if you wrote this on the letter. The timetable for the week is as follows:

**Monday - Non-riders**

**Tuesday - Class 10**

**Wednesday - Class 11**

**Thursday - Class 12**

We have also had lots of children not bringing in their mathematics homework books. These need to be returned to school on a Friday, as this is when the children mark them and look over the answers. Please note, if your child has lost their book, we ask for a voluntary contribution of £3 to cover the cost of reordering one. It is important that children look after these books.

**Year 5 & 6 – Lessons** - Children have been taking tests this week and they should all be very proud of the effort they have put into them. In Science, children have begun investigating electricity. In Art, children have enjoyed learning about the artist, M C Escher. **Trips** - Class 15 had an amazing day at Headingley Stadium taking part in the Yorkshire Cricket Club's 'Cricket in the Classroom.' Well done to all the children for demonstrating exemplary behaviour.

The following dates will be when the remaining classes in Years 5 and 6 will be visiting Headingley Stadium:

- Class 14 - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January
- Class 16 – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January
- Class 17 – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February
- Class 13 – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February

**School Dates:**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023

**Training day- No children in school**

School Closes Half Term at 3.30pm

School Opens 8.30am