



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another busy half term, I know we are all more than ready for a short break. .

Thank you to the vast majority of you who continue to support school with attendance. This is now steadily creeping up and has just reached 95%; so we know we can still get this to 96% by the end of the year with your continued help.

Please can I also ask that children try to get in to school in the mornings as near to 8.40 as possible, especially in Year 6 at this time of year, as so much additional reading/skills learning is done during this first part of the day.

Thank you as always for all your help with fund-raising. Your generosity is really appreciated and I know your children are always thinking of the wider school and global community and who else we can support. With all the pressures our young people face, I hope they never lose this gift of caring for those less fortunate than ourselves.

Have a lovely half-term break and see you

Attendance to date (National Target is 96%)

N - 94.2	RR - 94.9	RM - 93.6
1Ha - 94.8	1Hu - 95.2	2M - 96.1
2W - 95.6	3H - 94.3	3M - 96.3
4A - 95.9	4T - 96.3	5L - 95.0
5W - 96.3	6B - 94.4	6OK - 92.1

Congratulations to all the children who have achieved this!

Nursery

We have had a very busy few weeks in Nursery. Our January starters are settling in well and getting used to our rules and routines. The children are all enjoying making new friends. We had lots of fun learning about ice and Polar animals and wrapping up warm in our winter woollies! We have also learnt about birds and ducks, looking in particular at 'The Ugly Duckling'. The children are learning lots of new sounds in 'Read Write Inc' and we are sure they will be telling you these at home too! We are practising our numbers and counting skills daily and the older children are getting more confident at writing their names and other letters in preparation for school in September. After the half term break, we will be looking at 'Room on the Broom' and other witch related stories. You may

Reception

We have enjoyed our topic of 'Traditional Tales.' We have read lots of fairy tales, retold some in our own words and made lots of crafts linked to the stories. We have loved playing in the role-play areas, dressing up as the characters and acting out the stories of Little Red Riding Hood and Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

We're very excited to begin our new topic after half term, 'People Who Help Us.' We hope the children will really enjoy their new role-play areas - in RR we will have a Police Station and in RM we will have a Vets. Check out the pictures on Twitter and Tapestry. We plan to have lots of visitors in school including the police and a dog groomer! We can't wait to hear all about their wonderful jobs.

If you have an interesting job, or know anybody who does, please let us know as we would love to hear all about it!

Year 1

This term the children in year 1 have been learning about Neil Armstrong and his mission to Space. This has created many writing opportunities, artwork and creative thinking for the pupils. The children have been working hard to improve their reading and phonics skills in their Read Write Inc lessons and this needs to be supported at home by reading as much as possible!

Thank you again for your continued support.

Have a lovely half term break and we will see you

Extra Curricular Clubs

Clubs start on Monday 2nd March. Your child should have brought home a slip which says which club they have been allocated.

All clubs will finish at 4pm.

Year 2

This half term in Year two we have been very busy! We have been thinking about our goals and dreams and how we can achieve them. Earlier this half term, 2W went to Pizza Express as part of our 'What's on your plate?' topic. They had a great time making pizzas! 2MO will be going in March and can't wait!

As a school we took part in 'Do Nothing Day' where the children chose our activities. We had a great time making slime, decorating biscuits and making shoebox stories. We held a whole year worship with Father Janusz, and we thought about important people throughout the Bible.

We have also been learning about Florence Nightingale and the continents in our Humanities lessons. Next half term we will use this knowledge to help us with our new topics.

These last two weeks we have been learning about Michael Morpurgo, and have been reading The Pied Piper of Hamelin. The children have produced some fantastic work and should be very proud of themselves. During Children's Mental Health week we explored what it means to be brave, and what makes us proud. We thought about what makes us happy and we shared our thoughts with each other.

Year 3

Wow! Welcome to Spring 2. We can't believe we are half way through the year already! Spring 2 is a longer half term and we have a lot to squeeze in during these 8 weeks.

This half term, our humanities will be the Stone and Bronze Age, as well important people in history - starting with Rosa Parks. In PE we are looking at net and wall games and in RE we will be beginning our 'Year of the Word' starting with Noah's Ark.

In English, we will be reading the fantastic 'How To Train Your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell. We have really enjoyed our class reads so far and this one is going to be no exception, we're sure!

In Maths, we will be further developing our reasoning skills and continuing to improve our use of different methods for problem solving. We will be revisiting some topics taught earlier in the year to refresh our memories.

We look forward to another successful half term in Year 3.

Year 4

We have had a super exciting half term in Year 4, with the highlight most definitely being our school trip to Quarry Bank Mill. All of the children were impeccably behaved and the experience we had, re-living life as Victorian children working in a cotton mill, was invaluable. We also had a very respectful prayer and liturgy, where we celebrated the feast of Our lady of Lourdes. It was wonderful to see so many families supporting us with this—thank you for joining us.

Next half term, we have our Fit2Go programme to look forward to. This is a PE fitness programme, delivered by Blackpool Football Club Community Trust. Children will be learning all about their bodies and how to stay fit and healthy. There will be a presentation to parents on Wednesday 1st April at 9am. Have a wonderful half-term!

Year 6

We have had another busy half term in Year 6! The children have been learning about World War II in History and thoroughly enjoyed learning dances for 'Lambeth Walk', 'We'll Meet Again' and 'Run Rabbit Run' in PE lessons, as well as learning the lyrics to these songs during Music lessons.

The children also celebrated Class Mass over in Church with Father Janusz and a peaceful Prayer and Liturgy in the school hall. During the last 2 weeks of the half term, the children have enjoyed learning about Michael Morpurgo, writing a fact file about him and studying one of his novels - Flamingo Boy.

As always, if you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Year 5

This half term Year 5 have enjoyed a range of different learning opportunities. One of our highlights was working with local artists from the Grundy Art Gallery to create our own digital animations, which are now being displayed in the gallery! In Literacy, we've been enjoying our class reader: Time travelling with a Hamster and will continue this after half term.

Our PE this half term has been centred on invasion games and we've developed our skills in finding space, attacking and defending and general team work. We're getting excited ahead of our residential trip to Hothersall Lodge in late March too! Thank you as always for your continued support and we wish you a restful and peaceful half term