

Class News – Early Years

This week, the children in Reception have been having fun exploring colour mixing and creating lots of new colours! There were new adventures in home corner where space travel to the moon in a large box for a rocket was the best way to travel, counting stars on the way. The children also made colourful lanterns for Chinese New Year, The year of The Rat. We have been reading the book Peace at Last, which the children have enjoyed.

Class News – Year 1

In Y1 we have been working hard, learning all about Antarctica and enjoying the story of 'Ponko and the South Pole'. All of the children sequenced and retold the story in their own words. We finished our shape topic in maths last week and have begun focusing on numbers to 20. We have been using number lines and numicon to help us. Within RE we have looked at all of the special books in Church and their purposes.

Class News – Year 2

Year 2 have been working extremely hard in their lessons this term. We have been completing a narrative story in English based on the book 'Ponko and the South Pole' by Meredith Hooper. We have focused on using speech marks and expanded noun phrases. In maths, we have been learning about 2-D and 3-D shapes and their properties and next we will be moving on to multiplication and division. In RE, we have just finished our topic of Local Church and we will be moving on to learning about the Eucharist. During Science, we have been observing the change in season and exploring how some animals hibernate and others migrate. We even spotted some daffodils starting to grow outside!

Class News – Y3/4

Year 3/4 have started a new topic in Science, learning about teeth and digestion. They have learnt the names of the different types of teeth that humans have and can describe the job of each type of tooth. The children enjoyed taking part in a skipping workshop led by Gail from the skipping school and worked hard learning some of the new skills. They will be taking part in a skipping competition in April so will be continuing to practise these skills. In maths, our current focus is multiplication and division, working on improving our recall of the times tables (3, 4 and 8 times tables for the Year 3 children and all the tables up to 12 x 12 for the Year 4 children). To help secure their times tables, they should practise them regularly at home and can use 'Times Tables Rockstars' online to support this.

Class News – Y5

Over the past two weeks, Y5 have worked brilliantly whilst writing a newspaper article to inform their readers about Michael's disappearance from our class novel Kensuke's Kingdom. The children have focused on their handwriting, modal verbs and inverted speech. In Maths, Y5 have focused on fractions. They have recognised and found equivalent fractions. We have begun our Mayan topic in History this week by researching facts all about the Maya using leaflets and trusted websites. The children thoroughly enjoyed their residential trip last week to the Youth Village and were all fantastic!

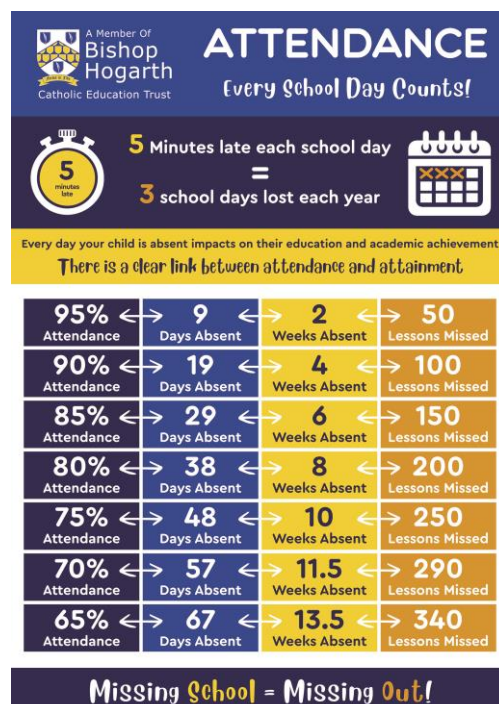
Class News – Y6

This week we began our after-school booster sessions for the SATs. The class were given a past paper from a previous year. It is important for them to become familiar with its layout and style. Having this information is an advantage in that it helps prepare the children for the variety of questions that they will have and how much time they will have available to answer them. Since this was a Reading Paper, in addition to the answer booklet, there is also a reading booklet containing three separate texts. In the remaining 10 or so school weeks, we will continue to work on all of the SATs papers that the children will face in May. We have a Prayer book in which all the children can record the things that they wish to share with their God. Whilst they are free to lead the whole class in this prayer, some children wish for this to be a private reflection. Either way, this is an effective way for us as a class to come together and shed some light into the darkness of our fears and our sorrows, our hopes and joys. In this way, we have recently commemorated the work of Martin Luther King and also marked the holocaust memorial day. In English, we have been looking at letter writing, specifically an informal letter persuading someone that flying is safe. We have also looked at improving the quality of sentences and including more compound and complex structures in our writing. In Maths, the focus of our attention has been on fractions, percentages and decimals. In History, we have compared the lifestyle of a Mayan noble with that of a Mayan farmer and, using ICT skills, children are collating all their research into a power-point presentation.

Uniform reminders and a plea

Just a reminder that as the children return back to school in January that the school policy for that the children should not wear earrings. All long hair should be tied up. **Please do not send Lipsil or lip balm into school.**

We ask that children wear the correct school uniform and sensible shoes. PE uniform only on PE day. Children should not wear leggings on other days.



The School Day

The children need to be in school by 8:55am so that they are ready and in class to start the school day by 9am. The gates to the playground are locked at 8:55am. We would ask that the children do not play on the field or equipment before school, if it has rained the children will end up being wet and muddy for the day.

You will appreciate that we have procedures in place to keep the children safe in school and as they leave the building. If you are not able to pick your child up the school needs to hold details of who is collecting the child, their details and a safe word. Please return the form that has been sent separately.

Children who attend any after school clubs will be brought out onto the playground entrance at the end of a session and the not the front door for safety reasons.

Term Dates 2022-2023

Monday 5th September 2022	PD Day
Tuesday 6th September 2022	Return to School
Thursday 20th October 2022	PD Day School closed to children
Break Up Friday 21st October 2022 – Return – Monday 31st October 2022	Half Term
Friday 25th November 2022	PD Day School closed to children
Break Up – Tuesday 20th December 2022 Return – Wednesday 4th January 2023	Christmas Holidays:
Break Up - Friday 17th February 2023 Return - Monday 27th February 2023	February Half Term:
Break Up – Friday 31st March 2023 Return – Monday 17th April 2023	Easter Holiday
Monday 1st May 2023	Bank Holiday
Monday 8th May 2023	Bank Holiday for the Coronation
Tuesday 9th May-Friday 12th May 2023	KS2 SATS WEEK
Break Up – Friday 26th May 2023 Return – Monday 5th June 2023	Half Term
Thursday 20th July 2023	Break up for Summer

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