

Happy New Year

26th January 2024

We have had some very strange weather since we returned after Christmas break. Thank you for your support ensuring the children are dressed appropriately.



Positive Behaviour Policy

During Autumn term the children and staff have been developing our positive behaviour policy. We have 3 reminder words to help children remember the expectations.



On a Friday we celebrate our Stars of the week and children recognised for saintly behaviour with our Caritas in Action award, in the afternoon children come together for a chat and a hot chocolate.

OPAL play

The launch of our Opal play project has been delayed because of issues with the bank and the weather, however we are hoping to launch before or just after February half term.

Our PFA have kindly sourced and purchased every child a bag for spare clothes in case during play they get muddy or wet. The PFA are also going to do a welly and clothes swap when we launch to help.



Money, Annex Club & Mellors updates

Money

Thank you to those who have recently cleared any arrears. Our school budget is extremely tight and as I have explained in the past carrying debts create additional challenges.

Annex Club

Those who use the Annex club will be aware that we have had to alter the booking and payment process from 1st February, the reasons include:

- * Unknown numbers attending mean it is regularly overstuffed
- * Additional bank card charges (38p per transaction) because of multiple bookings
- * Food wasted due to unknown numbers of attendees

We will be reviewing the impact of the changes regularly and hopefully we will be able to plan accordingly.

If parents require use of the club please make contact with the office and Mrs Rimmer will be able to help.

Mellors

We have been given notice that Mellors are cancelling their contract with school from Easter, so we have arranged to re-join Rochdale LA which was relaunched as Fresh Kitchen a while ago.

Any outstanding payments will need to be paid before the new providers take over.

Details of the new lunch service will be shared after February half term.

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Change to Easter closing date

School will be closing on Wednesday 27th March for all staff to attend a training day on Maundy Thursday (28th March).

**School will close at normal time 3:10pm and The Annex Club will be open
School will reopen Monday 8th April.**

Nursery applications

Please share that we are still taking Nursery applications for September 2024 (this is for children born between 1/9/2020 and 31/8/2021). If you know anyone who has not yet applied please ask them to contact the office.

Reception offers

The online application for September is now closed, if you know anyone who has applied please check they have also completed a school application form. The offers for Reception will be released by Rochdale 16/4/2024

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Information

Friday 2nd February — NSPCC number day (Mrs Cassidy has sent a letter with details)

Friday 9th—Friday 16th February Scholastic book fair

Wednesday 14th February—Ash Wednesday

Thursday 15th February 9:15am —Neurohub Coffee morning

February Half term

School closes Friday 16th February and opens Monday 28th February


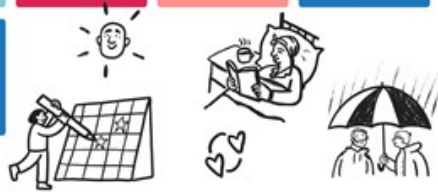
Friday 8th March—World book day (Details will follow from Mrs Craven)

Tuesday 26th March— LKS2 Easter worship (details to follow from Miss Hughes)

Parents Meetings

These will take place in April after the Easter break

Happier January 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Find three things to look forward to this year	2 Make time today to do something kind for yourself	3 Do a kind act for someone else to help brighten their day	4 Write a list of things you feel grateful for and why	5 Look for the good in others and notice their strengths	6 Take five minutes to sit still and just breathe
7 Learn something new and share it with others	8 Say positive things to the people you meet today	9 Get moving. Do something active (ideally outdoors)	10 Thank someone you're grateful to and tell them why	11 Switch off all your tech at least an hour before bedtime	12 Connect with someone near you - share a smile or chat	13 Take a different route today and see what you notice
14 Eat healthy food which really nourishes you today	15 Get outside and notice five things that are beautiful	16 Contribute positively to your local community	17 Be gentle with yourself when you make mistakes	18 Get back in contact with an old friend	19 Focus on what's good, even if today feels tough	20 Go to bed in good time and allow yourself to recharge
21 Try out something new to get out of your comfort zone	22 Plan something fun and invite others to join you	23 Put away digital devices and focus on being in the moment	24 Take a small step towards an important goal	25 Decide to lift people up rather than put them down	26 Choose one of your strengths and find a way to use it today	27 Challenge your negative thoughts and look for the upside
28 Ask other people about things they've enjoyed recently	29 Say hello to a neighbour and get to know them better	30 See how many people you can smile at today	31 Write down your hopes or plans for the future			

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Friendly February 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			1 Send a message to let someone know you're thinking of them	2 Ask a friend how they have been feeling recently	3 Do an act of kindness to make life easier for someone	4 Invite a friend over for a 'tea break' (in person or virtual)
5 Make time to have a friendly chat with a neighbour	6 Get back in touch with an old friend you've not seen for a while	7 Show an active interest by asking questions when talking to others	8 Share what you're feeling with someone you really trust	9 Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference for you	10 Look for good in others, particularly when you feel frustrated with them	11 Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost
12 Focus on being kind rather than being right	13 Smile at the people you see and brighten their day	14 Tell a loved one or friend why they are special to you	15 Support a local business with a positive online review or friendly message	16 Check in on someone who may be struggling and offer to help	17 Appreciate the good qualities of someone in your life	18 Respond kindly to everyone you talk to today, including yourself
19 Share something you find inspiring, helpful or amusing	20 Make a plan to connect with others and do something fun	21 Really listen to what people say, without judging them	22 Give sincere compliments to people you talk to today	23 Be gentle with someone who you feel inclined to criticise	24 Tell a loved one about the strengths that you see in them	25 Thank three people you feel grateful to and tell them why
26 Make uninterrupted time for your loved ones	27 Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them	28 Give positive comments to as many people as possible today	29 Acknowledge someone's problem or pain rather than trying to fix it			

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MISSION STATEMENT
 As servants of God, we follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. through his love, we guide each member of our family on their own spiritual journey to achieve and grow. We love, we learn, we live with Christ.