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## Attendance

Whole school target 97%

Whole school	95.9%
Foundation 2	98.9%
Year 1	95.7%
Year 2	97.7%
Year 3	96%
Year 4	94.8%
Year 5	96.1%
Year 6	95.3%

## Message from Mr Wilkes

The school Ambassadors had the fundraising manager from Young Lives V Cancer attend their meeting this week. Lucy shared some ideas of how they could have fun and raise some money for the charity, so watch this space for some great fundraising ideas that will be coming soon!

### Vision and Values

I shared with you before Christmas that we have been reviewing the the values of the school and revisited the school's vision. This has been a great process and i would appreciate the opportunity to share these with you alongside the developments the school has made in the last year and talk to you about where we see the school going in the future. The evening will have representatives from different areas of school and there will be lots of opportunities for you to contribute.

The event will be taking place on 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 6pm at the Cator Lane site. We will send out the booking link before half term.

### Attendance update

Thank you for your effort in getting your children into school on time this week. We have been talking to the children about the impact of being late and supporting them with strategies to help at home.

The leave of absence form has been amended and is now in line with the new policy. The form can be accessed on the school website here or a paper copy can be collected from the office. Please consider the information on the form PRIOR to considering any absence. Holidays in term time are not permitted and any other requests will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.

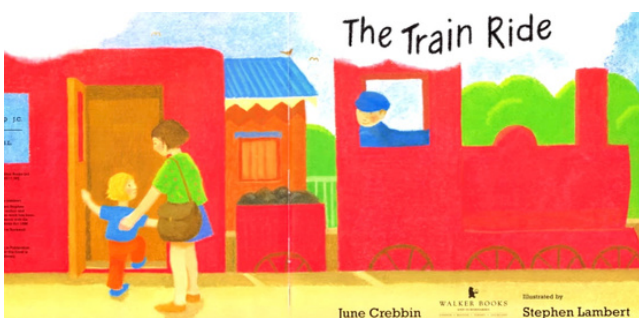
# FOUNDATION 1 NEWSLETTER



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## What's been happening?

This last week we have had lots of fun exploring shape in maths and reading and learning about keeping a steady clanking beat using The Train Song. Here are links to the songs we have been learning for you to sing at home and discuss with your child..



## Important information

Children can bring a snack to school for the morning but this must be a piece of fruit or a vegetable .

Thank you all for getting the children in and ready for school at 8:45! We are building such positive starts to the day.

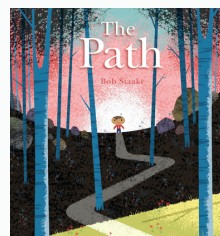
Keep up the practice with independent packing of bags, putting on shoes and putting on coats. It really helps in school!

## Looking ahead

Next week we will be clapping patterns of syllables with animal names. This fits brilliantly with Maths where we will be spotting pattern in your environment.

Our Fine Motor task will be sewing over our name using the word in, out, back and forth.

We will also be starting a new book to deepen our thinking on feeling, and exploring Rob Staake's The Path. Here's a link to watch an ebook if you would like a head start! Why do you think the faces change colour on each page?



## Dates for your diary

[Link to whole school dates](#)

# FOUNDATION 2 NEWSLETTER

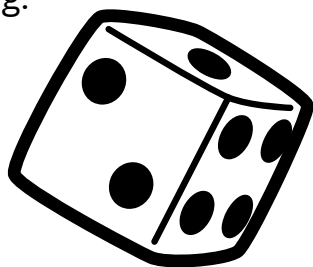


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## What's been happening?

We have enjoyed our Writing sessions where we have explored the characters in the book 'On The Way Home'. We have explored writing sentences about one of the characters. We are very proud of our handwriting and how we used our phonics to spell the words. Our sentence was about a fox.

Our Mastering Number lessons have been fun, finding the correct amounts for the numeral and quickly subitising the dots. We are becoming experts at subitising. Show your child an array of dots up to 5 and they should be able to tell you the amount super quick without counting.



## Dates for your diary

- [Link to whole school dates](#)

## Important information

Thank you for getting the children into school by 8.45. This is helping to quickly settle the children and we are then ready to get busy. Please tape up your child's ear-rings for PE day, every Tuesday.

The children are amazing at getting undressed for PE. Please could you help them to practise putting on their socks as this seems to be the trickiest bit of clothing to put on afterwards.



## Looking ahead

Next week we will be exploring The Arctic. We will look at the environment and compare it to our own, discussing the similarities and differences.

Maths - we will be counting, ordinality and cardinality and rehearsing the order of the first 5 numbers and understanding that the position each number holds in our number sequence does not change.

Writing - we will be thinking about composing our own sentence about one of the characters from 'On The Way Home' and adding in our own adjectives.

Phonics - we will be working on the digraphs 'ai' and 'ee' and learning how to form these letters correctly.

# YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER



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## What's been happening?

- In Art we used all the techniques we have learnt to make a winter background using oil pastels. Next week we will be adding in winter trees to the background.



- In Geography we know where to find the polar regions and the UK in relation to The Equator.
- In phonics we have learnt ew, ue, u-e and aw. Please practice these at home and learn them in words such as, grew, blue, tube and claw.

## Important information

Please keep reading at home with your child and if you can record it on Beanstack, thank you.

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January will be 1AW final outdoor learning, please dress weather appropriate.

## Looking ahead

In English we are starting our new story 'Meerkat Mail' and learning new vocabulary such as termite mound, note and desert.

In phonics we are learning au, al and ir. Words that you can practice them in are autumn, always and girl.

In Maths we are counting, reading and writing numbers to 50. For example

1 Fill in the missing numbers.

40   42   43

28   31   33

2 What are the missing numbers in the number line and the number track?

30   31   33

40   38   37

## Dates for your diary

- [Link to whole school dates](#)

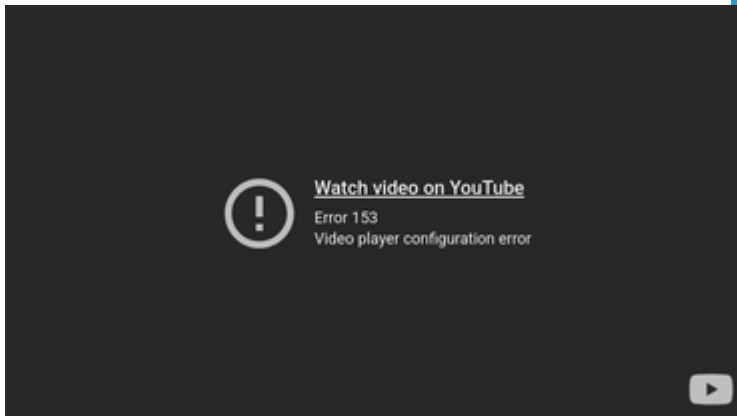
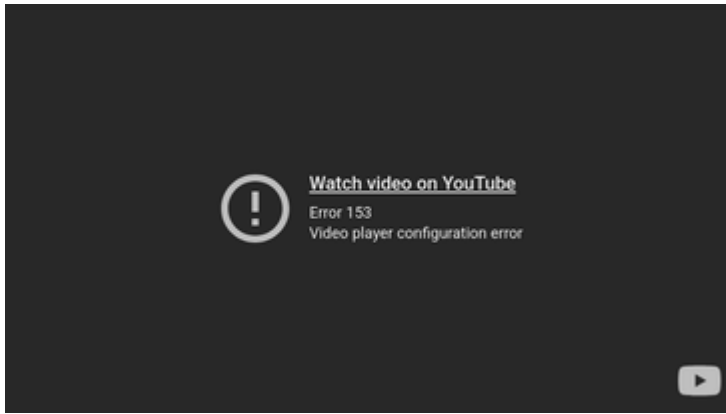
# YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER



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## What's been happening?

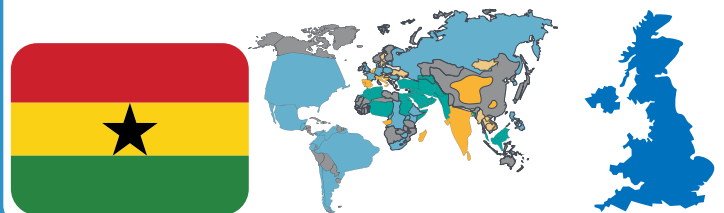
- We learnt about the 7 continents and 5 Oceans in Geography.
- If your child wants to practise, check out these songs!



## Important information

We will be hosting an art afternoon for parents where you will be able to come and create some Kente patterns with your children. This will take place in the afternoon of the 12<sup>th</sup> Feb - we will let you know the timings next week.

As i am sure you will be aware, Miss Buckley is pregnant! We are really excited for her and we will let you know within the next couple of weeks the plans going forward.



## Looking ahead

Next week we be looking at:

- Maths:** New unit: Statistics, such as tally charts and pictograms.
- English:** Write descriptive sentences about Emmanuel's bike ride.
- Geography:** United kingdom looking at the countries and capital cities.
- PE:** Continue with Dance & send and Return.
- PSHE:** Diversity writing families

## Dates for your diary

- Art afternoon - 12<sup>th</sup> Feb
- [Link to whole school dates](#)

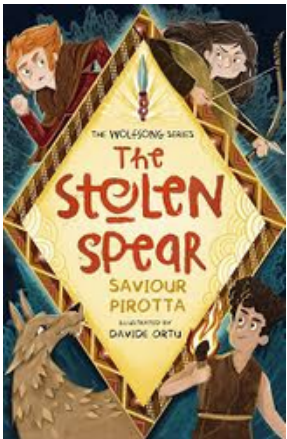
# YEAR 3 NEWSLETTER



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## What's been happening?

It's been another exciting week of learning in Year 3. The children have been so invested in our story and desperately eager to find out what happens next. We were all so impressed with their efforts in Art this week. Using charcoal and pastels, the children created their own Stone Age cave art. We were blown away by the attention to detail that was given.



## Important information

### PE dates for this half-term

Tuesday - 3CD and 3DC

Wednesday - 3IM

**Reminder:** Please ensure that you complete the consent form for the trips to Creswell

<https://forms.office.com/e/hkWxtemicW>

If we do not receive consent your child will be unable to attend, texts will be sent again to those parents who have not completed the form.

## Looking ahead

- Maths - 8 times table.
- English - Adverbial phrases and writing to make our reader feel sympathetic.
- Science - Learning how soil and sand are formed.
- History - Skara Brae and the Neolithic era.
- Art - Studying the work of Paul Klee.
- PE - Catching and using different passes in Netball.

## Dates for your diary

- [Link to whole school dates](#)

# YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER



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## What's been happening?

- We're still really enjoying the topic of Ancient Egyptians - this week we've been reading about mummification...!
- In Science we've been learning about types of teeth and why they're different.
- In Maths, we started learning how to use the column method for multiplication.
- In Geography, we've been comparing the River Trent and the River Nile.



## Important information

4RR will have 2 sessions of Outdoor Learning starting next **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January**.

They will need to come to school in suitable clothing and footwear and bring school uniform to school to change into before lunchtime.

4TG and 4NM will have their Outdoor Learning sessions in the subsequent weeks. Keep an eye on the newsletter for the dates closer to the time.



Stars of the Week:

- 4TG - Kit and Esme
- 4NM - Daniel and Scarlett
- 4RR - James and Lucy

## Looking ahead

- In Maths, we'll continue to work on multiplication - we'll be multiplying larger numbers and using factor pairs to help us to multiply.
- In English we'll continue to read about Howard Carter and we'll be exploring how to create tension and excitement in our writing.
- Our History will focus on Egyptian Pharaohs and why they were so important.



## Dates for your diary

- [Link to whole school dates](#)

# YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER



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## What's been happening?

- We started the Great Project looking at relationships in all classes.
- In science, we have explored effects of Air Resistance on Gravity.
- In Maths, we finished division and started fractions.
- In reading and writing, we have continued to explore Macbeth.



## Important information

5CC: will be swimming on Tuesday mornings and will have PE on Fridays.

5MS: P.E. will be on Wednesdays with the sports coach.

5CT: Outdoor learning will be on Wednesdays with Miss Howe, so please ensure that appropriate kit is prepared, including additional socks. P.E. is on Friday.



P.E. This term - Tag Rugby and Circuit Training.

### Star of the Week:

- 5CC Harrison and Rachel.
- 5CT Oliver and Zach
- 5MS Jacus and Ruby



## Looking ahead

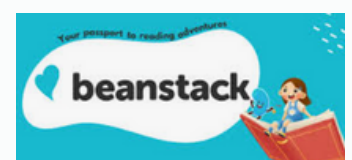
- Reading - we will be looking at Lady Macbeth's character.
- Writing - we will write our letter of persuasion as Macbeth.
- Maths - we will be looking at Fractions (comparing and ordering)
- Science - we will be exploring Forces.
- Geography - We will be exploring Scotland.
- Great project - Session 2.

### Reminders

- Reading x4 on Beanstack.
- Timestable Rockstars - Competition.

## Dates for your diary

- [Link to whole school dates](#)
- Reminder about deposits for the residential.



# YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER



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## What's been happening?

This week we have been reading and watching parts of Goodnight Mr Tom. This has helped us in our topic work as we explored what life was like during WW2.

SATs homework has re-started and we would much very much appreciate your support with the completion of this task.

We have been revisiting some tricky concepts in maths - fractions, decimals and percentages. Why not ask your child if they can change between the three forms of number.



## Important information

SATS homework for the following week  
Maths - Percentages page 26/27  
Reading - poems about seasons  
Grammar - Passive and active voice  
page 12/13

Thank you to the parents who offered to support on the trip. If you have not received an email back then your assistance will not be required. We will keep you in mind for future trips.

## Looking ahead

Information regarding the Y6 trip to the Holocaust Museum will be sent out at the beginning of next week.



## Dates for your diary

- [Link to whole school dates](#)

# School News

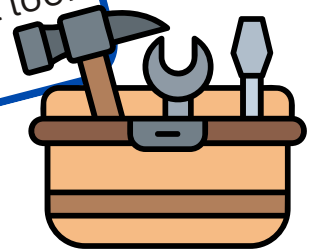
FROM THE REPORTERS

Joke of the Week  
Q. Why don't elephants use computers

A. They're afraid of the mouse

## Headlines

This week, a new site manager is being employed for the school. A site manager is someone who looks after the school site and health and safety in school. We asked Mrs Gosling about the kind of person school is looking for and she said, 'They will be friendly and approachable. They will make the school clean, safe and a nice place to learn.' We are lucky to be getting a site manager - usually only big schools have one. The new site manager will look after both sites and will start after February half term.



## THE GREAT PROJECT

In year five the children have had visitors coming in to teach the GREAT project. The great project is about understanding healthy relationships and how to be a good friend. They have booklets to write in and rules to follow like be kind and listen, be helpful and be respectful. The sessions run for 4 weeks and we will give you an update from the children when it has finished.



## STAFF INTERVIEW

We would like to welcome a new member of our office staff. Her name is Amy Bonser. We interviewed her about her experience of starting at our school. She said she has been extremely welcomed by everybody, all the kids and staff. She says everybody has been so smiley and cheerful. Her favourite hobbies are going on holiday to Disneyworld, and her favourite colour is sage green. So if you pop by, say hi. And maybe thank you too - if it wasn't for the office staff then the school wouldn't be how it is.



# DIARY DATES

Spring term dates listed here, new additions will be highlighted

Date	Day	Event	Location	Who?
5th Jan	Mon	Y2 Ghana WOW day	CL	Y2
6th Jan	Tues	5CC first swimming session	Bramcote Baths	Class 5CC
13th Jan	Tues	Great Project – every Tues	CL	Y5
16th Jan	Fri	Preloved Uniform Sale - PTA - after school	CL	
22nd Jan	Thurs	MHST Body Image Workshop	CL	Y5
26th Jan	Mon	Y3 visit to Creswell Craggs	Creswell Craggs	Class 3CD
26th Jan	Mon	Dental Survey	ML	F2 & Y1
27th Jan	Tues	Y3 visit to Creswell Craggs	Creswell Craggs	Class 3DC
27th Jan	Tues	Young Voices visit to BP Pulse	Birmingham	KS2 Choir
29th Jan	Thurs	MHST Body Image Workshop	CL	Y6
29th Jan	Thurs	EY Height & Weight Check	ML	EY
30th Jan	Fri	Y3 visit to Creswell Craggs	Creswell Craggs	Y3
3rd Feb	Tues	Y6 Height & Weight Check	CL	Y6
4th Feb	Weds	Y1 parent WOW afternoon 2.45pm	ML	Y1
11th Feb	Various days	Parents evening week - teachers will inform you of the specific dates and times	ML and CL	All
13th Feb	Fri	INSET DAY - curriculum and teaching and learning	CL & ML	ALL
16th – 20th Feb	Mon-Fri	HALF TERM		
3rd March	Tues	Vision and Values evening - 6pm	CL	Parents