

Newsletter 5 – 28th February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you enjoyed the half term holiday. Please read your year group Curriculum newsletter to see how you can support your child at home. Remember to practise reading little and often; it makes a HUGE difference to your child's progress.

World Book Day

This national annual event takes place on Thursday 2nd March. You will have already received a £1 book voucher to buy a book for your child. As this is a planned teacher strike day, please read with your child whether they are attending school or not on this day. If your child is attending school, we are not asking them to dress-up as a book character due to the current financial difficulties.

Staffing

We formally welcome Mrs Dalton who is covering Miss Fellhauer in YR Snowy Owls class as she starts her maternity leave. We also welcome Mrs Miller who will work Mondays - Wednesdays, predominantly in Y2, but may also cover other teachers attending courses.

Volunteers

We are always looking for any volunteers who would be able to support the school for reading and on school trips. A DBS check would need to be completed. Please see the school office for further information.

Language of the Month

Children will be taught about Brazil and the Portuguese language. Our launch assembly will take place this week.

Attendance

Our current attendance remains disappointingly low, at 92%, which is below the current national average of 93.5%. A lot of absence is due to illness, sometimes mild illness - if your child has a temperature but is otherwise well, please consider giving them Calpol and sending them into school. If children are having a significant amount of time off due to illness the school may choose to unauthorise the absences unless parents can provide medical evidence. Please also try to refrain from requesting leave of absence during term time as it can disrupt children's learning and progress and the absence will not be authorised unless it is considered to be an exceptional circumstance.

We are currently seeing patterns of absence with some children and their siblings and where we have concerns about a child's attendance we may call parents in for a meeting to discuss ways of improving their attendance. If, after putting in place support measures, there is no improvement in a child's attendance, the school may refer the parents to the Attendance Intervention Team, who could take legal action. Please support your child to make progress and achieve their potential by sending them to school as much as possible.

Key Dates:

3rd March - YR trip to Wellington Country Park
10th March - Local Authority (LA) Health & Safety Audit
13th March - British Science Week Theme Day

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14th March - Governor Monitoring Day
20th March - Zoolab visit to Y1
24th March - Special Relative Day
27th March - Easter Disco
31st March - Break Up at 3.15pm
Easter Egg Hunt & Raffle
17th April - School starts at 8.45am

Thank you for your continuing support.

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Larissa James
Headteacher