



Newsletter 01

NEWSLETTER

08/09/2023

Dates for your diary!

AUTUMN TERM 2023

TEACHER TRAINING DAY - Fri

22nd Sep

Fraser Portraits (Individual photos)-

Fri 6th Oct

HALF TERM - 23rd to 30th Oct

Arts Week - Mon 20th to Fri 24th Nov

Last day of term - Fri 15th Dec

SPRING TERM 2024

TEACHER TRAINING DAY - Tues

2nd Jan

Spring term starts Weds 3rd Jan

HALF TERM 12th - 16th Feb

SUMMER TERM 2024

Summer terms starts Mon 15th Apr

HALF TERM 27th - 31st May

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you so much for supporting your child through their first week back at school. Despite the sweltering weather, the last five days have been super in terms of children being organised and prepared for learning as well as showing fantastic attitudes. What a great start!

Attendance

On Tuesday, I wrote to all parents to share our attendance policy. In every newsletter, I will share details of how school attendance is progressing. Below is a table showing how percentage attendance for a whole year correlates to missed school time, emphasising the importance of good attendance. Our overall target for the school is 97% attendance.

Whole year % attendance	Missed school time	Lessons missed
100	0 days	0
97	1 week	28
94	2 weeks	56
90	4 weeks	84
85	6 weeks	112
80	8 weeks	140

Values driven behaviours

Children have already started to earn smiley faces for behaviours linked to our school values: We care; We share; We believe; We achieve. These are the designs of the new Values Certificates which will be issued at Gold Book Assemblies. Thanks to Hannah, Josie, Utkristi and Amelia for their design contributions.



Pupil leadership feedback

This year, we would like even more pupil involvement in leadership roles. This is why we have created the following pupil leadership groups: Pupil Parliament; Eco Warriors; E-safety Reps; Learning champions; Values Ambassadors; Bold Voices; Play Leaders. Hopefully, your child is considering putting themselves forward for one of these groups.

Reading

A lot of time and effort has been spent over the last few months in organising our 2 libraries in school – see pictures below:



All children in school will have the chance to visit these resources to choose books and Year 1 and 2 children will also have the chance to use their own library card.

Where relevant, children have been allocated books linked to phonic levels, colour reader schemes or have chosen free reader books. There are daily opportunities for children to read or be read to by an adult in school. Some of the class reading books being used at this time are as follows:

Marvellous Me (FS2)

Katie Morag delivers the mail (KS1)

Stone Age Boy (LKS2)

Children of the Benin Kingdom (UKS2)

This year, we are using a digital platform to replace the paper reading records and more information about 'We Read' will be issued next Monday.

This year, most of our whole school assemblies will also be linked to a book, starting this week with 'Along came a different' by Tom Maclaughlin which Mrs Goodall read to the children and spoke about diversity and inclusion.

Have a great weekend and we are all looking forward to seeing your children next week.

James Rielly
Headteacher

