



NEWSLETTER

Friday 22nd December 2023

Dear Parents,

What a wonderful end of term week we have had! I struggle to see how we have managed to fit everything in!

All year groups were invited to their Christmas disco this week. Much fun was had dancing, face painting, crafting and busting some festive moves on the dance floor! We hope that the children who attended had a fun time and thank you to staff for organising these.



We had our Christmas lunch on Wednesday. The children enjoyed sharing this in the dinner hall with friends whilst singing along to Christmas songs! Thank you to our kitchen staff for putting this on. Staff also thoroughly enjoyed their turkey feast!



Reception had a special surprise this week when PJ the DJ visited them with a surprise show full of fun and magic. Thank you, PJ! The reception children had a lovely time and were very pleased to be there.

This afternoon was movie afternoon. The children brought along snacks and enjoyed their Christmas afternoon watching movies with their classmates. I am sure they had a lovely time together. Well done, children, a well-earnt treat!



Please keep reading below to see our PE days for the Spring term and other notices and information.

We would like to thank all our families for their on-going support this term and look forward to seeing you back on Monday 8th January 2024.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a prosperous new year.

Festive wishes,

Mrs Oakley



Mobile Phones In School

It has come to our attention this week that some children have been bringing mobile phones into school and keeping them on their person or in their bag. Please be reminded that children are not allowed to bring mobile phones into school unless they have adhered to our school policy. This is a safeguarding risk. You can find this on our website, but for reference, please read this exert from the policy.

4. Use of mobile phones by pupils

Pupils should not bring mobile phones or any device with smart technology to school which includes the school grounds. This includes watches with smart technology.

Pupils are not allowed to use mobile phones or smart technology in the school or school grounds unless permission has been granted.

There are some exceptions, and each exception should be discussed with the principal prior to the child bringing in mobile phones or any device with smart technology.

These are some possible exceptions but not limited to the following:

- *Children travelling to school by themselves on school transport*
- *When permission is granted for pupils to bring phones to school, they are not permitted to use them in school but must hand them in to the school office for safe keeping at the start of the day. The pupils must collect them at the end of the day.*

Thank you for your support and vigilance with this.

Christmas spoiler alert for parents!

You may wish to read this article before allowing your children to watch the Disney +Diary of a Wimpy Kid Christmas: Cabin Fever movie, this holiday!

[Disney has parents raging over 'disgraceful' new Christmas movie | Metro News](#)

SPRING TERM PE DAYS

As usual, please can children come to school dressed in their PE kit on their PE days. Please can long hair be tied back and preferably earrings taken out.

Year 3 and 4 should come to school dressed in their school uniform on a Tuesday and bring along with them their swimming kit. Please clearly label swimming bags and kit with your child's name. Swimming lessons begin on Tuesday January 9th.

Reception: Monday and Tuesday

Year 1: Tuesday and Thursday

Year 2: Monday and Friday

Year 3: Tuesday (swimming) and Friday

Year 4: Tuesday (swimming) and Wednesday

Year 5: Monday and Wednesday

Year 6: Wednesday and Friday



Christmas in Reception



Reception children enjoyed performing their Nativity to parents. All the children worked hard to learn the songs and their lines to make their Nativity a wonderful performance.



Children enjoyed turning the reception area into a winter wonderland with decorating Christmas trees and dressing up in our Christmas role play area.



All children have made their own Christmas baubles to hang on their Christmas trees at home and cards to share with their families.



We would like to wish all children, parents and carers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Welcome to Year 1



Music

Year 1 have really enjoyed their music lessons. We have been listening to Hip-Hop music. Focussing on the beat and finding the steady pulse. Through-out the unit we have been learning a song called Hey you! The children have enjoyed learning the lyrics over the past two weeks and becoming confident to perform the song.

We have started to improvise using our bodies, voices, and instruments. The children were excited to create their own improvisations.

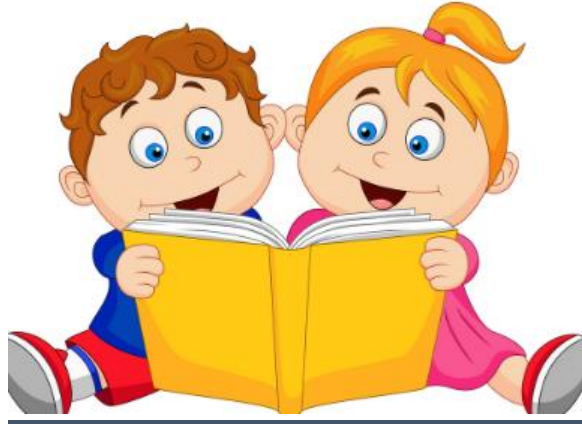


Maths

This week our focus has been counting from 0-20. The children have enjoyed ordering numbers through different maths activities. We will be continuing to focus on numbers 0-20 after the Christmas holidays.



Reading with our Year 6 buddies 😊



Through-out this term we have been very lucky to have year 6 reading buddies. They have been joining us for our daily reading sessions and reading with the year ones. The year one children were very excited to demonstrate their reading skills to their buddies.



The children enjoyed creating their Christmas cards for their family. Well done year one they look amazing.

The year one team would like to wish you all a merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in the new year. 😊

Wrap Around February Holiday

Holiday Club booking will open Friday 22nd December and will close on Friday 2nd February at 6pm.

Holiday club will be open on the PD Day Friday 9th February and will be open the week starting Monday 12th February -Friday 16th February, it opens at 8.30am and closes at 4.30pm each day.

The cost per place booked is **£25.00** a day.

Once booked sessions will need to be paid for before the child attends club.

Children will need to be provided with a piece of fruit or breakfast bar for morning snack, a packed lunch for lunchtime and a small afternoon snack,
all food that is brought in must not contain nuts.

Children are welcome to bring in scooters and bikes with helmets to play on outside or a small toy to play inside during free play.

We do not allow electronic devices.

We have a wide range of activities planned!

February Half Term	AM Craft	AM SNACK	AM Baking	AM Outside	AM Inside	LUNCH	PM Game	PM Craft	PM SNACK	PM Outside	PM Inside
Friday 9 th February (Farm)	I spy farm activity sheet		Choc chip flapjack bars	Nature scavenger hunt	Free play		Duck, Duck, Goose!	Paper plate cow		Free play	Home on the range movie
Monday 12 th February (Ocean)	Ocean maze sheet		Starfish biscuits	Fish in the ocean game	Free play		Move like a...	Toilet roll tube octopus		Free play	Finding Dory movie
Tuesday 13 th February (Jungle)	Jungle animal masks		Mini pizzas	Monkey tag	Free play		Balloon pop actions game	Paper chain snake		Free play	Tarzan movie
Wednesday 14 th February (Safari)	Safari binoculars craft		Chocolate crispy cakes	Cheetah running races	Free play		What's the missing animal?	Tissue paper lion		Free play	Madagascar movie
Thursday 15 th February (Arctic)	Arctic animal colour by numbers		Homemade bread rolls	Walk like a penguin race	Free play		Musical frozen statues	Polar bear toilet roll tube		Free play	Ice Age movie
Friday 16 th February (Pets)	Pet animals' word-search		Cookies and cream fudge	Animal chalk track jump	Free play		Animal quiz	Paper dog craft		Free Play	101 Dalmatians movie

Top Tips for SETTING UP PARENTAL CONTROLS ON NEW DEVICES

In children's eagerness to start enjoying new digital gadgets immediately, it can be easy to overlook setting up the type of parental controls that can help to protect them online. If you don't sort those out from the very start, it can be an uphill battle – technologically and psychologically – to impose such controls later. Here's our rundown of what to look for when setting up the various internet-enabled devices that might be lurking under the tree at this time of year.

IPHONE

If your child's lucky enough to be getting their own iPhone, parental controls can help avoid issues like screen addiction and unsuitable content. Go into the settings and scroll down to 'Screen Time'. From here you can customise important settings including time limits on using the device, communication restrictions and content blockers. You can also lock your changes behind a passcode.

ANDROID

With Android devices, Google's Family Link app is your friend. You'll need a Google account – and a separate one for your child, which you should use when first setting up the device. Then, in Family Link on your own device, select 'Add Child' and enter their account details. This lets you specify limits on daily usage, restrict certain apps, block particular content and more.

PLAYSTATION

You can prep for a PlayStation before it's even unwrapped. At my.account.sony.com, create an account, then go to Account Management > Family Management > Add Family Member to set up your child's account, which you'll use to sign in on the console. You can restrict the age ratings of the games they can play and who they can talk to. On the PS5, you can make exceptions for any games you think are acceptable despite their high age rating.

IPAD

iPad parental controls are identical to those on iPhones. However, if you've got a shared family iPad and want to ensure your children aren't seeing anything age-inappropriate after you hand them the device, there's a feature called Guided Access (under Settings > Accessibility > Guided Access). With this switched on, young ones can only use the app that's currently open.

XBOX

The Xbox Family Settings app helps you manage which games your child can play (and when). You'll need to set up the console with your own account and then add a child profile. Make sure your account's password is protected, so your child can't alter your choices later. You'll be walked through the functions at setup, but you can also reach them manually via Settings > Account > Family Settings.

NINTENDO SWITCH

Download the Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app on your phone, and you'll be shown how to link it to the console. Once that's done, you can limit how long your child can play each day, decide what age ratings are permitted and more. You'll also get weekly updates on how often they've used the device. These controls are accessible through the console itself, but the app is usually easier.

WINDOWS 11 PCs

On Windows 11, account management is key. Set up the device with your own account as the admin. Then go to Settings > Accounts > Family and Other Users and create your child's account (if you've already done this on a previous PC, just log in with those details). Microsoft Family Safety (either the app or the site) then lets you control screen time, what content children can view and more.

CHROMEBOOKS

Chromebooks' parental controls are managed via the Family Link app. Unlike an Android device, however, you need set up the Chromebook with your own account first, then add your child's. Go to Settings > People > Add Person and input your child's Google account details (or create a new account). Your child can then log in, and you can monitor what they're up to via Family Link.

MACS

Like iPhones, parental controls for Macs are managed via the Screen Time settings. Again, the crux here is to set yourself up as the administrator before adding any child accounts. In the settings, look for Users & Groups to create your child's account, then – while on their profile – use the screen time options to place any boundaries around apps, usage and who your child can communicate with (and vice versa).

SMART TVS

Smart TVs typically have their own individual parental controls. One of the most popular brands is Samsung – and on their TVs, you can control the content available to your child. In the Settings menu, under 'Broadcasting', you can lock channels and restrict content by its age rating. Even this isn't foolproof, however: some apps (like YouTube) might still let children access unsuitable material.

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Date	Event
Friday 22 nd December	February Half Term Holiday Club - Bookings open
Monday 25 th December	Christmas holidays
Monday 8 th January	Spring term begins
Thursday 11 th January	Year 3 Dogs Trust Workshop – details to follow
Friday 2 nd February	February Half Term Holiday Club – Bookings close
Friday 9 th February	PD Day
Monday 12 th February	Half Term
Wednesday 20 th March	Year 4 visit to Wroxeter
Monday 25 th March	Easter Holidays
Monday 8 th April	Summer term begins
Monday 6 th May	Bank holiday
Friday 24 th May	PD Day
Monday 27 th May	Half Term
Monday 22 nd July	PD Day
Tuesday 23 rd July	Summer holidays