

Dear Parents and Carers,

At the end of a very long Autumn term, I would like to thank you for your continuous support. The children have worked so hard, enjoyed so many fantastic activities and opportunities and made great progress, but we couldn't do what we do without your help. Whether it's accompanying the children on trips, supporting with PTA events or charity fundraisers, helping with reading and homework, providing costumes for plays, supporting good attendance and punctuality, attending concerts, assemblies and performances...thank you so very much! Thank you also to our amazing staff team who bring so much energy and enthusiasm day in, day out, to make learning fun and memorable for the children. I'm sure everyone is looking forward to a well-deserved break now!

Football with Tottenham Hotspur

Next term each class from Years 1-6 will have a football session with coaches from Tottenham Hotspur football club (apologies if this isn't the right team for you!) The dates are below so you can see when your child's session will be. Please ensure they have their correct PE kit in school that day. Shin pads are not obligatory but are recommended, and if they are going to wear shin pads your child will need a pair of football socks too (preferably navy or black). Trainers are fine as boots can't be worn on the playground and some sessions will be indoors too.

PE kit

We have recently reviewed our risk assessment for PE and Sport. A key aspect of safe participation is children wearing the correct kit, including suitable footwear. This also includes extra-curricular clubs. Please take the time in the holidays to check your child has everything they need, including trainers, leggings / jogging bottoms and a navy jumper (not hoodie) for outdoor lessons. Hair has to be tied back and earrings removed or taped over. No other jewellery is allowed. Shin pads are recommended for all football activities, and must be worn for football team training sessions and matches. Mr Clements and our PE coaches will not allow children to participate without the correct kit for their own safety.

Attendance

We are ending the Autumn term with 96.2% whole school attendance. There has been a lot of illness recently, so hopefully after a good rest in the holidays everyone will be fit and well again and we can get the percentage back up closer to our target of 97%. Please remember that no term time holidays will be authorised and breach warning letters may be sent if holidays still go ahead.

Infectious diseases

We have a pupil and a member of staff who are significantly immunosuppressed and would need to seek urgent treatment if they came into contact with infectious diseases such as chicken pox, measles, mumps, rubella or scarlet fever. Please inform us immediately if your child is diagnosed with anything like this so that we can safeguard these vulnerable people. Likewise, if your child has not had all their school immunisations please consider getting this done urgently to safeguard others.

Class WhatsApp groups

The class WhatsApp groups are absolutely brilliant for sharing information and reminders, arranging social activities and supporting each other as parents. However, they are not appropriate forums for publicly sharing concerns about another child's behaviour. You will appreciate this can be extremely distressing for the parents of the child involved, and they will already be very aware of the issues

and working hard with us to support and educate their child. In many cases, the behaviour may be linked to a neurodiversity or other specific circumstances, and significant work will be taking place to support these additional needs. Please always bring your concerns to us and we will always deal with everything and inform the parents who need to know, but never post or respond publicly to the whole class about another child's behaviour. Thank you for your support, respect and understanding for our community and for each other as parents.

Desperately seeking PTA chair(s)!

The PTA AGM will be held on 16th January and Lucy and Danielle will be stepping down as co-chairs. If no one comes forward, the PTA will not be able to continue in the way it has since our school opened, raising much needed funds and having lots of fun in the process. This is a desperate plea folks! Please, please, if you are even a tiny bit interested or would like to find out a bit more about the role (without any commitment I promise!) please come forward.

Diary dates for next term

Diary dates that are arranged so far are listed below for your new calendars and diaries! More will be added as the term goes on, so please keep a close eye on them in my newsletters, and check your child's class blog on the school website every Friday for class-related updates.

Have a happy and fun-filled holiday, and Happy Christmas if you are celebrating. I would like to wish everyone in our community a very happy, healthy and peaceful 2024, and look forward to seeing everyone when the children return to school on 8th January.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Stray

Spring Term Diary Dates

4th January	INSET day
5th January	INSET day
8th January	First day of Spring Term
10th January	Boys A football v Samuel Ryder
15th January	Spurs football sessions Crimson, Amber, Amethyst classes
15th January	Clubs Start
17th January	Boys B football v Prae Wood
22nd January	Spurs football sessions Aqua, Gold, Forest classes

25th January	Y6 Sports Hall Games @ Oaklands College
25th January	Boys A football v Oakwood
26th January	Girls football v Prae Wood
26th January	Amber class sharing assembly 9am
29th January	Spurs football sessions Scarlet, Vermillion, Magenta classes
31st January	Girls football v Mandeville
1st February	Y4 football v Skyswood
2nd February	Young Voices concert – Wembley Arena
2nd February	Boys B football and Y5 v Killigrew
2nd February	Vermillion Class sharing assembly 9am
5 th February	Spurs football sessions Sky, Saffron, Sage classes
7th February	Boys B and Girls football v Samuel Ryder
9th February	Boys A football v St John Fisher
9th February	Crimson Class sharing assembly 9am
16th February	Scarlet Class sharing assembly 9am
19th February	Half Term week
28th February	Y4 football v Bowmansgreen
29th February	Cross Country at Mandeville
1st March	Sky Class sharing assembly 9am
5th March	Animal Man visiting Y2
6th March	Y2/3 football v Bowmansgreen
7th March	World Book Day
8th March	Aqua Class sharing assembly 9am
9th March	Y6 Netball Tournament
14th March	Cross country at Garden Fields
15th March	Lime Class sharing assembly 9am
18th March	Last week of clubs
19th March	Parents Evening

19th March	Y5 Netball Tournament
21st March	Parents Evening
22nd March	Apple Class sharing assembly 9am
25 th March	Year 5 concert in the theatre 9am
26 th March	Orchestra concert in the hall 9am
27 th March	Year 4 concert in the theatre 9am
28th March	End of Term 1:30pm