



Newsletter

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Rule Reminders

In the last newsletter, I included some information about playtime snacks; that sweets, chocolate, crisps and nuts are not allowed. Please can I take the opportunity in this issue to give a few other reminders:



Children need to be able to change into outdoor shoes/trainers or wellies. We use The Butts most playtimes and it can get very muddy. Equally, warm coats (scarves and gloves as it gets colder) are a must.



Children in Class 2 do not need a pencil case – all the equipment they need for school will be provided. Children in Key Stage 2 may bring a pencil case if they wish, but they don't have to – everything they need is available in class.



Children should not bring toys or special items to school. There are two exceptions to this rule:

- If the toy or special object is for a "show and tell" or curriculum session; in which case it should be given to the class teacher in the morning for safe keeping
- If the toy or special object is part of a plan to support the child in school (for example helping a child to settle); in which case the class teacher will have given explicit permission



Children in Class 2 need a book bag (or other *flat* bag) for their reading books. A number of children are bringing books in a back pack which either doesn't make it to the reading boxes in Class 2 or fills it by itself!

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is National Anti-Bullying Week and we will be marking this week in school too.

On Monday 12th November we would like all children to come to school in odd socks. This is to emphasize the point that we are all different. We will be designing odd socks on this day too...

There will be a number of curriculum lessons around anti-bullying during the week so please take the opportunity to talk to your

child about bullying at home too. Two useful websites for this are:

www.bullying.co.uk

www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk

They both have parental advice sections.

We will be exploring a few different themes, but one of them will be about distinguishing between "bullying" and "banter" and another will be about the role of the bystander. We will be reminding children that there are

three common characteristics to bullying:

- it is repeated over time
- it is deliberately hurtful
- there is an imbalance of power

...and that bullying can take many forms. In primary schools, bullying by leaving people out, saying unkind things, sometimes behind people's backs, or deliberately winding people up is more common than physical bullying, so please include these ideas in talking to your child too.

As always, if you are concerned that your child is being bullied at school, please make an appointment to see their class teacher who will take your concerns seriously and work to address any issues.

Children in Need

There will be a non-uniform day on Friday 16th November and a cake sale. Please send any donations, money (for the non-uniform) or cakes to the school office on Friday. And don't forget to bring some change at pick-up too...

Congratulations to...

- Freya (Class 3) for the certificate from her Gymnastics Competition in Southampton. Well done!
- Max (Class 2) for his Mischief Makers Reading Challenge certificate.

Best wishes,
Mr Philip Atkin
Headteacher

Reminders

- Thursday 22nd November sees Class 2 on their visit to the Raptor Foundation and Key Stage 2 at the small schools Cross Country. There will be a late lunch on this day to accommodate KS2's late return.
- There is an Open Morning on Friday 23rd November from 9am to 10.30am. Everyone is welcome!

Class 4 and a Horse



This week, to support Class 4's work on Michael Morpurgo's wonderful book, *War Horse*, Class 4 had the

opportunity to come face to face with a live horse, who coincidentally pretty much matched Michael Morpurgo's description in *War Horse*.

Our thanks go to Mrs Harrow for organising this special visit.

Class 1 at Aerozone Stansted

This week Class 1 visited Aerozone Stansted where they learnt all about the many jobs at the airport, met Police Officer Mark and his search dog Buddy and excitedly watched a lot of planes take off and land.



It was a great visit. As ever, the minibus proves a popular mode of transport for Class 1!

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 12th November – Friday 16th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 12th November	Wear Odd Socks Day NEW
Friday 16th November	Non-Uniform Day and Cake Sale for BBC Children in Need NEW
Thursday 22nd November	Small Schools Cross Country Competition
Thursday 22nd November	Class 2 Visit to Raptor Foundation
Friday 23rd November	Open Morning, 9am – 10am
Friday 30th November	PTFA Wine Tasting, 8pm
Tuesday 4th December	Flu Vaccinations, Reception to Year 5
Sunday 9th December	PTFA Christmas Fair, 2pm – 4.30pm
Tuesday 11th December	Class 1/2 Production, 9am
Wednesday 12th December	Class 1/2 Production, 2.15pm
Thursday 13th December	School Christmas Lunch NEW
Friday 14th December	Parent & Child Christmas Crafts, 2pm
Wednesday 19th December	Carols at St Mary's, 9am
Wednesday 19th December	Last Day of Term

Spring Term 2018

Thursday 3rd January & Friday 4th January	School Closed – INSET Day
Monday 7th January	First Day of Term for Children
Monday 14th January	Values Day
Tuesday 15th January	Applications Close for Reception 2019 Places NEW
Friday 18th January	PTFA Disco NEW
Tuesday 22nd January	Young Voices (KS2)
Friday 1st February	Year 5 Day at MVC
Monday 11th February	Parent & Child Consultations, 3.20pm – 7pm
Wednesday 13th February	Parent & Child Consultations, 3.20pm – 7pm
Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February	Half-Term
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day NEW
Monday 11th March – Friday 15th March	Science Week
Monday 1st April	Reception & Year 6 NHS Measurement Programme NEW
Tuesday 2nd April	Reception NHS Vision Screening
Friday 5th April	Open Morning, 9am – 10am