



Newsletter

Friday 5th April 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a pleasure to invite parents in to school this week to share the children's learning and progress. Thank you for all the positive messages given to teachers and for recognising all the hard work by children and staff this academic year.

Below are a few messages to finish the Spring Term.

Attendance

The overall attendance for this academic year to date is **97.5%**, which is well above the national average and a huge achievement for the school community.

The attendance for each year group for this year to date is as follows:

Reception	96.1%	(96.5% at the end of last half-term)
Year 1	97.1%	(96.9% at the end of last half-term)
Year 2	98.0%	(97.9% at the end of last half-term)
Year 3	97.9%	(97.7% at the end of last half-term)
Year 4	98.4%	(98.5% at the end of last half-term)
Year 5	98.5%	(98.4% at the end of last half-term)
Year 6	96.7%	(96.4% at the end of last half-term)

Congratulations to Mr Vertigan's **Year 5** class for achieving the highest attendance percentage so far this academic year and to Mrs Westgarth and Miss Mohan's **Year 6** class for the most improvement in attendance this half-term.

Year 3 and 4 Production

We were ever so proud of our Year 3 and 4 children for their performances of 'Mary Poppins' last week. They took on the challenge of a musical and excelled with their beautiful singing and memorable acting performances. Thank you to all the parents for providing the costumes and to Mrs Cooper and Mrs Kirkbright for making the props.

Easter Raffles

Thank you to all the families who have bought tickets for the Easter Hamper Raffle or the Easter Egg Raffle. We have raised a grand total of **£493.00**. Your generosity has allowed school to purchase a new handwriting scheme that can be used by all year groups and reading assessment materials for Years 1 to 6. These resources are greatly needed and, although may not be 'exciting', will certainly have a huge impact on outcomes for the children. Parents and children can have access to the handwriting materials at home via a tablet or PC- watch this space for further details!

Polling Station

Nursery will be closed on 2nd May 2019 as the school must be used as a polling station. This will not affect the rest of the school and a full and thorough risk assessment will be carried out prior to the day to ensure the safety of children in school.

Easter Service

Children in Years 1-6 attended Saint Nicholas Church last Tuesday for the Easter service. Behaviour in church was excellent and the event was well supported by our families.

Show Racism the Red Card

This week, children in Years 5 and 6 took part in a workshop and PE lesson delivered by the 'Show Racism the Red Card' charity. This was provided to school free of charge due to funding from the Local Authority. The days provided by the charity are invaluable and we would very much welcome them back in future years.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 23 rd April 2019	School Opens for the Summer Term
Tuesday 30 th April 2019	Water Safety Assembly for Years 1 to 6 by RNIL
Wednesday 1 st May 2019	Photograph Day for Year 6 and Reception
Thursday 2 nd May 2019	Nursery Closed for Polling Day
Monday 13 th May 2019	SATS Week Starts for Year 6 Children
Tuesday 14 th May	Open Evening for Afternoon Nursery 3:30pm-5pm
Thursday 23 rd May 2019	Break Up for Half-Term Holidays
Friday 24 th May 2019	PD Day (School Closed to Children)

Hoping all our families have an enjoyable, fun and relaxing two weeks break ready for the Summer Term.

Mrs Crinion & Mrs Westgarth
Acting Headteacher and Acting Deputy Headteacher