



Newsletter

Friday 15th February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

We aren't sure where the time has gone, but half term is already upon us. Here's a few key messages before we break up for the week.

Attendance

The overall attendance for this academic year to date is **97.4%**, which is well above the national average.

The attendance for each year group for the autumn term is as follows:

Reception	96.5%
Year 1	96.9%
Year 2	97.9%
Year 3	97.7%
Year 4	98.5%
Year 5	98.4%
Year 6	96.4%

Congratulations to Mrs Mackay's Year 4 class again for achieving the highest attendance percentage so far this academic year.

Year 3 & Year 4 Production

We are very excited to announce that 'Mary Poppins' will be the musical performed by Year 3 and Year 4 next half term. We're expecting it to be supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!

World Book Day

This week, the School Council met to discuss activities for this year's World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. As previously mentioned, the children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character on this day. The School Council have also decided that the following activities will take place:

- Each child from Nursery to Year 6 can bring their favourite book into school;
- Children in Key Stage 2 will visit the younger year groups and read their favourite books to them one-to-one;
- Years 1 to 6 will rotate around the school and listen to each class teacher read a part of their favourite book;
- Each class will tweet an author (and hopefully receive a reply).

Fairtrade Fortnight

Fairtrade Fortnight commences on Monday 25th February and we would like the children to be a part of it. A whole school Fairtrade assembly will take place on the first day back after half term to introduce what Fairtrade is and the difference it can make to people's lives, and each class will complete a Fairtrade activity. The School Council also have a special treat planned for the second week to help raise awareness of Fairtrade- a Parent Mail will be sent by the School Council after half-term.

If you are shopping over half-term, you could encourage your child to look for the Fairtrade symbol. You could even tweet a photograph to @Galley_Hill (no names alongside the photographs though).

Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

In early January, our eight Anti-Bullying Ambassadors attended training led by people from 'The Diana Award' and, this week, they met with Miss Phillips and me to discuss the ways in which we can raise awareness and understanding of bullying, and help make our school an even happier place to be. They shared a plethora of exciting ideas and strategies that they would like to implement in the near future. Watch this space!

Wishing all our families an enjoyable half term together.

Your Senior Leadership Team

