



WEEKLY NEWS



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Spring Term Review & Plans

It has been another busy half term in school with a number of changes taking place. Our new running track has proved to be a huge success with lots of children running round at least once a day. Ten of our Year 5 children have been externally trained by Barnardo's and will begin their role as Barnardo's Equality (BEAM) Ambassadors after the holidays. Their role will be to support children in the playground and promote the importance of equality and diversity. Mrs Greenaway has been busy creating a piece of art work in the playground which is where the ambassadors will be based.

In the next half term our new Remote Control Car Zone will be opened and Mrs Somerville will be working with some children to develop a Spiritual Garden which children will be able to use at break and lunch times. We will be recruiting some Year 5 and 6 children as Sports Leaders, who will help to further improve provision at lunchtime.

In terms of Teaching and Learning, a lot of time has been spent embedding our changes to English and Maths. Teachers have worked together in pairs to challenge and support each other with English. Miss Hollis and I are now planning our new wider curriculum after attending some recent training. The thematic approach will link our English books with History, Geography, Science, Art and DT. Teachers will spend the next half term attending training and planning for the new thematic curriculum which will be launched after Easter.

We continue to have great sporting success thanks to the hard work and dedication of Miss Atkinson. Recent successes have included netball, cross country and boccia to name just a few.

St Paul's United continue to provide amazing care for the children who attend before and after school. Mrs Gay and her team work extremely hard and deserve all the positive comments from parents/carers.

Our PTA continue to provide amazing support to school and raise vital funds. Without all the hard work and effort we would not be able to enhance the playground and increase the opportunities provided to the children. A huge thank you to each and every one of you that is involved with this and we look forward to welcoming you to the events planned for the next half term.

As I have mentioned a number of times, we get things right a lot of the time but we also make mistakes. The important thing is that we try our hardest to learn from these mistakes. Thank you for your continued support!

Lee Swift

Important Upcoming Dates

Date	Event
06/03/19	PTA Event – Books Butties & Brew
07/03/19	World Book Day
21/03/19	1:2CS Class Assembly
25/03/19	Class Photos
27/03/19-29/03/19	Boggle Hole Residential – Year 4
28/03/19	1:2M Class Assembly
03/04/19	Easter Service 2pm Church

After School Clubs

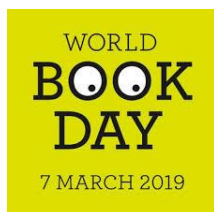
KS1 Singing Tuesdays 15:15 – 16:15
Dodgeball Club 27th Feb, 4th March
KS2 Fit to Learn 25th Feb, 4th, 11th, 15th, March
Netball Training 26th Feb, 5th, 12th March
Boccia Training 19th, 26th March
Tennis Club 20th, 27th March, 3rd, 24th April, 1st, 8th May
Golf Club 25th March, 1st, 23rd, 29th April, 7th, 13th, 20th May, 10th June

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World Book Day

On Thursday 7th March we are celebrating World Book Day. Children may come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book. There will be a few 'baddies' in school on the day, adding a pantomime theme to the occasion.

The children will be taking part in book based activities such as drama activities, creating movie trailers, story writing and newspaper reporting. It is a great way of promoting books and a love of stories so do encourage your child to join in. Every child will be receiving a £1.00 book token.



SEN Information for Parent/Carers

Wakefield Adult Education have developed a new SEN course aimed at parent/carers. The course runs for 2 hours per week for 5 weeks, and is FREE.

What will I learn?

- To be able to interpret documentation.
- How my child is assessed.
- How I can support my child's learning.
- To explore practical resources to use at home.
- To understand the roles of other professionals and to gain support for multi-agency meetings.

Who is it for?

- Parents and carers with children and young adults with additional needs.

Where and when will it take place?

- Courses start throughout the year at various locations across the Wakefield District.

For further information please contact: Manygates Adult Education Centre
Telephone: 01924 303302 | Email: manygates@wakefield.gov.uk

Wakefield Rhubarb Festival

The Food, Drink and Rhubarb festival is a fantastic day out for all the family, with lots of activities and have-a-go sessions for the kids! Take a look at what activities you and your children can get involved in.

Wakefield Precinct
Fri 22 - Sun 24 Feb 2019 11:00am – 16:00pm

We hope you have a lovely week off and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 25th February.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Attendance Update

CLASS	LAST WEEK	YEAR TO DATE
NURSERY	92.59	95.87
RH	100.00	96.42
R:1W	96.33	96.34
1:2M	94.48	97.56
1:2CS	93.93	97.29
3HM	100.00	96.52
4I	96.76	96.87
5S	96.39	97.01
6W	90.00	96.08

CONGRATULATIONS TO RH and 3HM FOR ACHIEVING 100% LAST WEEK, WELL DONE!

Attendance Indicators

98% + WELL ABOVE THE SCHOOL TARGET – OUTSTANDING ATTENDANCE

96% + AT OR ABOVE SCHOOL TARGET

BELOW 94% - CAUSING CONCERN AND LESS CHANCE OF PROGRESS

90% & BELOW – PERSISTENT ABSENCE – SERIOUS ATTENDANCE CONCERN

WHOLE SCHOOL Target = 96%

Last Week –
95.68

Year to Date –
96.70%

Punctuality

16 children arrived late for school last week. They missed a total of **1 hour and 35 minutes** of learning time!