



Friday 12th January 2023

Happy New Year! Welcome back to a new term and a new year. I trust you all had a good Christmas and new year. I certainly enjoyed spending time with my family. Thank you to anyone who contributed towards a gift for a staff member. Everyone's generosity was very much appreciated.

This week it's been lovely to see the children and hear all about their holidays. Last week we spoke about new starts and I shared my new year's resolutions; So far I'm doing well! Reverend Sue also visited this week and led us in worship. We focused on Epiphany – the arrival of the Wise Men at the stable.

This week has been quite chilly; winter has certainly arrived. On Monday we had a very snowy lunchtime which was very exciting for the children. I'm glad it has stayed away though. Please do make sure your children have hats, scarves and gloves in school with them – we do go out in most weather's and it has been cold this week.

There's been some lovely learning taking place this week. Year 4 have been partitioning numbers and showing their working by drawing on tables! Year 1 have completed a science experiment and Year 6 have started their learning about the Titanic. It has really captured their interest. They are writing biographies about Eva Hart this week and have scrutinised lots of sources to find out information. They have loved it.



Have a lovely weekend – stay safe!
Mrs Smith – Head Teacher

*God's Word is a lamp to guide our feet
and a light for our path.
Inspired by Psalm 119:105*

Dates for your Diary

18th January
Census Day

19th January
Year 5 & 6 Sports hall Athletics

23rd January
Year 2 trip – Wagamama's

29th January
Young Voices Concert
Pupil Parliament trip to Thurrock Council

2nd February
Swimming gala

5th February
Chinese Dance workshop

9th February
KS1 Sports hall Athletics

14th February
Ash Wednesday – Lent Service

16th February
Inset Day

Year 4 Swimming – weekly every Monday



Letters Home

- Year 2 Wagamama's Trip
- Parent & Extended homework letters

Winning house!

We have started counting our thumbs up again in worship to see which house has the most. This week's winning house was...

Uriel - Yellow – well done!

A great 590 thumbs up – well done



Medical Appointments

We understand that sometimes booking medical appointments can be hard and sometimes emergency appointments are given on the day. Can you please try and book medical appointments outside of school hours, if you are unable to we must see evidence so we can mark the register accordingly. If evidence is not provided we will have no option but to mark your child as an unauthorised absence.



School Drop off

Can we please remind parents they should not be walking through the school to drop children to class. Reception should be walked round and enter through the reception playground. Year 1 & 2 should walk round and drop the children at the back door. Years 3 & 4 enter via reception and 5 & 6 enter through the doors closest to their classroom. Due to safeguarding no adults should be cutting through the school to drop their children to class. Thank you!

Clubs 2024

Clubs start on Monday 15th January. Clubs are always very popular. Going forward, if your child misses 2 consecutive club sessions they will be removed giving children on the waiting list an opportunity to attend.



This week's attendance!

Reception – 96.17%
Year 1 – 94.83%
Year 2 – 97.42%
Year 3 – 90.81%
Year 4 – 96.34%
Year 5 – 95.22%
Year 6 – 97.01%

Good attendance is any class that got over 96% attendance.

The weekly class average for this week is **95.4%!**

Congratulations go to our highest attending classes!

Well done to the classes which earned a Lego piece this week. One step closer to the park: Reception, Year 2, Year 4 & Year 6!



Spring Census

Census day is next Thursday. We have a special menu for this day. This will be sent out next week. We encourage as many children to have school dinners on Census day as this helps with our funding!

Next week our Trust Catering Manager is visiting the school to meet with children and staff about school dinners and how we can further improve them.

