

Newsletter



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School

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We work together, we play together, we laugh together, we pray together.

Forthcoming dates

1st and 2nd March:

Individual & sibling pupil photos

4th March: Year 3 class assembly 9.30am

4th March: Governors surgery 8.30-9.30am

8th March online safety parents workshop

4th & 11th March: No swimming for Year 5. This is a change from previously published info

15th March: coffee morning and 2nd hand uniform sale

16th and 17th March: Parent's Evenings

18th June: First Holy Communion 11am

*Please note that class trip dates will not be included here

Dear Parents,

What a busy term this always proves to be! There's always such a lot to fit into the curriculum and the school calendar in the weeks before Easter. Please do sign up for parents' meetings to find out about your child's learning this term.

Best wishes, Mrs Griffiths, Headteacher

Governors' surgery

On Friday 4th March at the usual time of 8.30 – 9.30, parent governors Mr O'Callaghan and Mrs McGinnie will be holding a governor's surgery in Mr Toro's office. This is a good opportunity to gain your feedback of what the school is doing well and what we could do to improve your experience as parents.

Pancake sale thanks

Many thanks to the Year 3 parents who provided us with delicious pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, which raised a brilliant £296 for the PA fund.

Individual photographs

Individual and sibling photographs will be undertaken on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd March. Please ensure that hair is tidy and children are wearing clean white shirts on both days. Pupils can bring their own combs or brushes to school that day if they use them sensibly.

Chess club

Chess club has been cancelled this coming Tuesday, 1st March.

Well done to...

(R), Mikolaj

(Yr1), Nikita

(Yr2), Elek

(Yr3), Bianca Maria

(Yr4), Angela

Yr5), Marc T

(Yr6), Balthazar

Reception class and yellow house for achieving certificates last week.

(R), Guido

(Yr1), Neddy

(Yr2), Nicky

(Yr3), Pola

(Yr4), Alicia

Yr5), Aurora

(Yr6), Beatriz

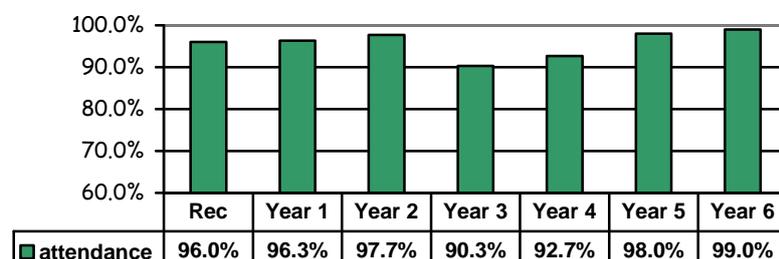
Year 5 and yellow house for achieving certificates this week.

Congratulations everyone!

PE uniform

Unfortunately, it appears that several children in the infant classes have been forgetting to bring their P.E. kits to school on the correct day. It is vital that your child comes to school prepared for PE, as it is a very important part of the National Curriculum, and contributes to their health and well being. Kits can be brought to school on Mondays, left on pegs during the week and taken home on Friday. Please double check that your child has not outgrown their plimsolls.

Congratulations to Year 6 with 99% attendance last week!



Online-safety workshop

To support parents with the continuous development of technology, and its influence on the lives of our children, we are hosting an online safety workshop on Tuesday 8th March from 9-10am. The session will be run by our computing consultant Belinda Evans. Her knowledge of the latest developments is excellent, so please do come along.

Term time holiday reminder

As you plan for your Easter and Summer holidays, please note that our term dates are clearly published and we expect pupils to be in school every day, right up until the end of term. Pupils may not leave early on the last day of term, and registration will be taken at the end of the afternoon. We will ask for doctors' certificates if pupils are unwell either side of school holidays. Families who persistently take time off to catch early flights will be reported to the Local Authority and may be fined. Thank you for your co-operation.

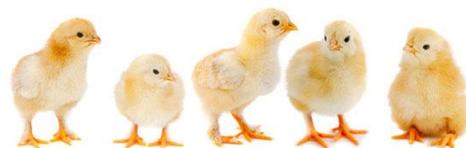
Behaviour Workshop

Thank you to those parents to took part in the behaviour workshop this week. There were many ideas shared about how to encourage good behaviour at home. Ideas discussed were:

- ✓ Setting family rules, phrased positively, and displayed for ALL members of the family to follow
- ✓ Modeling good behaviour for children, they copy what they see!
- ✓ Discussing what good behaviour looks like so that your expectations are made clear.
- ✓ Setting visual timetables and having clear routines. If children know what's happening next, they feel secure and you can direct them towards greater independence.
- ✓ Reward charts can be a good tool to use. Templates can be found on www.twinkl.co.uk
- ✓ Using story books with your children to talk about morals and choices. There are many to choose from but try www.booktrust.org.uk to inspire you

Reception's chirping friends!

It's 'chick week' this week. All 10 eggs hatched in the incubator in Reception Class. The children are learning to take care of them now they are in their brooder box. Pop by and take a look if you can!



Book Week

Next week is book week, when the children will be taking part in a host of activities to develop their love of books and reading. On Thursday (World Book Day), pupil should dress up as book character for our catwalk procession. Last year, The Guardian produced some costume ideas. Here is the link <http://www.theguardian.com/childrens-books-site/gallery/2015/feb/16/what-to-wear-on-world-book-day-2015>

The following week will see a visit from the travelling book fair. More information will follow from Miss Jodoin, our English leader.

Parents Evenings

On 16th and 17th March there will be parents' meetings after school. These meetings are very important for you. Your child's class teacher will be able to let you know about the progress they have made in each core part of the curriculum. They will also share with you the next steps which are planned for your child's learning, what their targets are and how you might be able to help at home. In turn, it is a good opportunity for you to ask questions and let the teacher know of any concerns. Appointments need to be kept to ten minutes though, otherwise there can be a terrible backlog, and parents who have later appointments can end up waiting for a long time. Ten minutes is usually enough, but if you or your child's teacher needs further time, another appointment can always be made at a later date. Sign up sheets are on the moveable whiteboard in the hall.

Pick up at 3.30pm

If you have asked other parents, friends or relatives to collect your children, please make sure that you inform the school office by telephone of the change as soon as you can.