

Spring Term Newsletter



I hope the children enjoyed being back at school after the Christmas break and are looking forward to a fantastic 2023.



To begin the year, children took part in a range of activities linked to mental health and wellbeing. Through Collective Worship, stories, drama, dance and art we used the theme of 'Let's Connect' to explore how having healthy connections – to family, friends and others – can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing.

We will build on this work during Children's Mental Health Week at the beginning of February - *more details to follow.*

New Curriculum Overviews for the Spring Term will be sent home with your children this week, alongside the Spring Term Home Learning Grid. Knowledge Organisers for History/Geography for each Class will also be added to the Class Pages of the school website so please do give these a visit.

Key Dates for Spring Term

<p>Monday 16th January (2.30pm)</p>	<p>Parent Information Session – Early Reading - Reception Parents Parents/ Carers of children in Reception are invited to this informative, informal session to explain our approach to the teaching of early reading and how you can help to support your child with this at home. Anyone who listens to your child read is welcome to attend.</p>	
<p>Monday 23rd January (2.30pm)</p>	<p>Parent information Session – Phonics Screening Check - Year One parents Parents/ Carers of children in Year One are invited to this informative, informal session to explain about the Phonics Screening Check for Year 1 children which will take place in June. We will explain what the check entails and give advice on how you can help to support your child with their phonics and reading at home. Anyone who listens to your child read is welcome to attend.</p>	
<p>Thursday 26th January (3.15pm)</p>	<p>Parent Information Session – Key Stage Two Statutory Assessment – Year 6 Parents Parents/ Carers of children in Year 6 are invited to this informative, informal session to explain how your child is assessed at the end of Key Stage Two. This will include information about Teacher Assessment and Key Stage Two SATS.</p>	
<p>Thursday 2nd February (2.30pm)</p>	<p>Parent Information Session – Key Stage One Statutory Assessment – Year 2 Parents Parents/ Carers of children in Year 2 are invited to this informative, informal session to explain how your child is assessed at the end of Key Stage One. This will include information about Teacher Assessment and Key Stage One SATS.</p>	
<p>Friday 3rd February</p>	<p>NSPCC Number Day We will be joining in with many other schools and nurseries across the UK for this mega maths fundraising day. Children can take part in 'Dress up for Digits' and have a fun-filled day of maths activities and games, while raising money to support NSPCC services such as 'Speak out Stay safe' and Childline. <i>Further information about the day will follow closer to the date.</i></p>	
<p>Wednesday 15th February (2.30 pm)</p>	<p>Class One Assembly for Parents Class One would like to share their learning about climate change with their parents and carers in a special assembly called, 'Show the Love'</p>	
<p>Friday 17th February School closes for the February half term holiday</p>		

Key Dates for Spring Term (continued)

Friday 17th February School closes for the February half term holiday		
Tuesday 28th February (3.15pm)	<p>Parent information Session – Y4 Multiplication Check - Year Four parents</p> <p>Parents/ Carers of children in Year Four are invited to this informative, informal session to explain about the Multiplication Check for Year 4 children which will take place in June. We will explain what the check entails and give advice on how you can help to support your child with their tables at home. Anyone who supports your child with their learning at home is welcome to attend.</p>	
Thursday 9th March (2.30pm)	<p>Class Four Assembly for Parents</p> <p>The children in Class Four would like to invite their parents and carers to come and learn more about Fairtrade Fortnight and hear about what they have learnt and what action we can all take to make a difference</p>	
Thursday 16th and Thursday 23rd March	<p>Parents' Evenings</p> <p>Appointment letters will be sent out on Monday 27th February</p>	
Thursday 30th March	<p>Class Four School Trip to York</p> <p>Children will take part in a school trip entitled 'The Chocolate Story'. Further details will be sent home with the children in Class Four.</p>	
Week Beginning 27th March (Date TBC)	<p>Easter Service at St. Edwin's</p> <p>We are hoping to be able to celebrate Easter in Church and invite families to join us in the final week of term. As soon as we have confirmation of the date and time this will be communicated.</p>	
Friday 31st March School closes for the Easter holiday		
Monday 17th April School reopens for the start of the Summer Term		

PE and Sporting trips for each class/ groups of children will be communicated separately by letter per event.

PE Timetable	
Class	PE Days
Class One	Tuesday, Thursday
Class Two	Thursday, Friday
Class Three	Tuesday, Friday (swimming)
Class Four	Monday, Wednesday

Car Parking

A polite reminder that when using the school car park that you should only park in the designated bays. Please do not park on the grass verges or pavements. Not only is this unsafe for children and pedestrians, this also makes it difficult for drivers to navigate the road around the car park safely. The grass verges also become damaged from cars parking and having to mount up onto the grass. Your co-operation is much appreciated.

Following the Christmas break, the UK Health Security Agency has issued a reminder that winter illnesses continue to circulate at high levels. They advise that following simple steps can help protect children, minimise the spread of illness in education and childcare settings and protect wider communities.

Flu and coronavirus (COVID-19) are currently circulating at high levels and are likely to continue to increase in coming weeks. High numbers of scarlet fever, which is caused by group A streptococcus, also continue to be reported.

It's important to minimise the spread of infection in schools settings as much as possible. If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school until they feel better and the fever has resolved.



Helping children to learn about the importance of good hand hygiene is also key, so practice regular handwashing at home with soap and warm water. Catching coughs and sneezes in tissues then binning them is another simple way to help stop illness from spreading.

Adults should also try to stay home when unwell and if you do have to go out, wear a face covering. When unwell don't visit healthcare settings or visit vulnerable people unless urgent.

Remember that flu vaccination is still available for all eligible groups and is the best protection against the virus. The NHS reports good uptake in older age groups but vaccination among young children remains low. Flu can be very unpleasant and in some cases can lead to more serious illness. Getting your child vaccinated protects them and others they come into contact with, and it's still not too late.

You can get more information getting your child vaccinated against flu on NHS.UK.

In relation to sickness and diarrhoea, children can return to school 48 hours after the last instance of illness.

We have sent home annual data collection sheets. Please check for accuracy and amend any changes. Please also inform us of any medical updates on the form provided.

Please return to school by 20th January.

If you ever have any concerns about a child's safety, please contact the following members of staff:

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is:



Mrs Wendy Aitken
Executive Principal

The Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (Deputy DSLs) are:



Mrs Kaye Boyce
Vice Principal



Mrs Sarah McTimoney
Assistant Vice-Principal
(Inclusion and Welfare)

As always, if you have any queries or questions, please do get in touch and I will be happy to help.

Here's to a fantastic 2023!

Thank You,



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