



Newsletter – Monday 4th February 2019

Attendance

Week ending 1st February:

Reception:	97.7%
Class 1	91.3%
Class 2	93.1%
Class 3	100%
Class 4	95.3%
Class 5	95.2%
Class 6	95.0%
Overall	95.5%

Attendance Champions:

Year 3

Congratulations.

Our school attendance expectation is 97%.

Well done to everyone who achieved this.



House Points

(Red) Cirrus – 135
(Blue) Cumulus – 166
(Yellow) Stratus – 161
(Green) Nimbus – 115

Well done Cumulus!

Exploring Pattern and Printing

Year 2 have been making prints using a variety of techniques. They have been exploring pattern and colour in preparation for their space themed art work.



Frozen Spider Webs

During the frosty and icy conditions last week, Nursery explored the school grounds looking for frozen spider webs which looked beautiful. The children took photos and then watched video clips of spiders creating webs, learning why they make them.

The Big Bird Watch

Reception children have been busy making bird feeders. These have proven very popular with the birds. The children are looking forward to taking part in the Big Bird Watch later this week.

Fizzy Fanta

Year 4 have been putting their scientific investigative skills to good use by exploring how much carbon dioxide is in a range of fizzy drinks. They concluded that Fanta contains the most and therefore has the biggest fizz!

Values for Life

This half term in Collective Worship the children will be focusing upon the value of: **Perseverance**

This week our focus will be: **Resilience**

Joshua 1:9

'Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.'

Upcoming Diary Dates:

TBC – Space Launch
5th February – Governors Meeting
5th February – Y3+4 Yorkshire Museum Visit
7th February – Year 5 Class Worship
8th February – Author Visit (Writing Workshops)
11th February – Y1 Parents Phonics Workshop
13th February – School Disco
15th February – School Closes for February Half Term
16th February – Mr. Walker travels to Tanzania.
25th February – School Reopens (Spring 2)

Celebrating Us!

The following children have been recognised by their class teachers for going above and beyond whether it be academic, socially or physically within the school week:

Millie C (Rec), Fraser H (Rec), Lydia I (Y1), Dexter L (Y1), Abigail G (Y2), Connie I (Y2), Elliot M (Y2), Oscar H (Y3), Lucas H (Y3), Rumen D (Y4), James H (Y4), Ryan B (Y5), Martha T (Y5), Imogen H (Y5), Ellie Y (Y5), Lily R (Y5), Mia W (Y6), Heather M (Y6).

Well done to the children who have been living our values.

World Book Day

During World Book day on Thursday 7th March, children are invited to dress as their favourite book character. There will be prizes for the best costumes - £5 book vouchers.

Statutory Assessments:

Please note that this year's statutory assessments are:

- **Year 1 Phonics Check (Wk Beg 10th June)**
- **Year 2 SATs (May 2018)**
- **Year 6 SATs (Wk Beg 13th May)**

It is expected that all children attend school during these dates.

School Improvement

We value the challenge of external quality assurance and want to ensure that all areas of the Ofsted framework are quality assured over the year. We work closely with Mrs Anne Butel, our school improvement partner, who this year has so far focussed upon a review of 2018 and the school development plan, how teaching assistants are deployed in school for maximum impact and the quality of teaching in mathematics.

We also had a visit from the local authority as part of their quality assurance programme last week.

Governor Update

Last week the School Development Committee, chaired by Lorna Malkin, met for their termly meeting.

This committee focuses on standards, pupil progress and teaching and learning. In this meeting discussions included:

- Updates to the school curriculum based on the outcomes of recent Ofsted research on curriculum design
- Progress of pupils through the Autumn term
- Feedback from key stakeholders on the new school vision and next steps
- An overview of school attendance - well done to pupils for their outstanding attendance in the Autumn term!

Further information on the Governing Body can be found on the school website.

HSA News

The February disco will be taking place on Wednesday 13 February. The KS1 disco will be from 2.30pm to 3.15pm and the KS2 disco from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. Tickets cost £2 each and will be available to buy in school on Monday 11 February. A letter with full details will be going out on Wednesday.

Headteacher's Award

Congratulations to all of the children who were given a Headteacher's award during the last week for demonstrating outstanding learning behaviours – Well done!

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely week.

Mr Michael Walker