

Friday 24th February 2023 - SPRING 2 NEWSLETTER

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Safeguarding Statement: This school takes notice of and adheres to all the national and local policies and guidance in regard to Safeguarding Children and Young People.

Lead Safeguarding Person Junior School: Mrs M Kenny, Nursery & Infant School: Mrs. M Quinn.

Safeguarding Deputies: Mrs. S Hulme, Mrs F Black & Mr S Pratsis & Mrs E Heath, Safeguarding Governor: Mr. T Richmond

A message from Mrs Hulme

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy First Friday of this spring 2 term, hoping everyone has once again adjusted to routine again.

Please be reminded that if you were unable to book a meeting with your child's teacher before half term, now is the time to do it. Thank you for supporting the children in this event.

All year groups have started new topics this week and the junior school have a sponsored bounce today raising money for new reading books. Year 3 visited Buster Ancient Farm yesterday, being able to experience life some many hundreds of years ago to support their History Curriculum.

The core group of the PTA continue to meet on a regular basis, planning events for families to enjoy. Do put your name forward if you wish to get more involved - thank you.

Next week, we will once again see some industrial action taken by teachers. Last time, teachers gave us some warning showing great curtesy and we hope to be able to inform you quickly when we are informed again this week.



As a school, we aim for 97.4% attendance, which would bring us in line with the expectations. Unfortunately, many children had not achieved this percentage last term. We really need the help of our parents to raise our attendance this term by ensuring children are attending school each day.

Registration Group	Attendance %	Punctuality (lates) %
Froglet AM Nursery	95.8%	0.2%
Froglet PM Nursery	90.9%	0.3%
R Fox	94.3%	0.5%
R Hedgehog	93.2%	0.2%
R Squirrel	96.5%	1.2%
1 Robin	93.9%	0.7%
1 Sparrow	93.8%	0.3%
1 Wren	93.2%	0.4%
2 Jay	96.0%	0.4%
2 Woodpecker	95.8%	0.6%
2 Heron	94.1%	0.2%
3 Mulberry	96.9%	0.2%
3 Willow	96.0%	0.1%
3 Hawthorn	97.1%	0.2%
4 Poplar	96.4%	0.7%
4 Ash	94.8%	0.4%
4 Rowan	95.5%	1.6%
5 Elm	96.9%	0.3%
5 Birch	95.4%	0.4%
5 Sycamore	96.0%	0.1%
6 Chestnut	95.9%	0.4%
6 Oak	96.3%	1.0%
6 Copper Beech	96.3%	0.1%

Safeguarding News

Embrace Kids Video - Body Image Movement

We would like to recommend this nice video that was sent to us. The video seeks to promote positive body imagery among young people, who as always are under so much pressure to conform to a standard image expected of them by their peers, and the 'social media community'. If you'd like to have a look at this inspiring piece of media please follow the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=id9MJi3aGMU&feature=youtu.be>

Google Workspace Consent Letter

The Google Workspace Consent Letter 2023 for Junior School children only has been emailed to all parents/carers this week. This consent is important

The deadline for the consent form is Friday 3rd March 2023 by 9am.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Kind regards

The Junior School Office

News for the week

Infant - Stars of the Week

R Hedgehog	Thea P
R Fox	Lambros I
R Squirrel	Daniel B
1 Robin	Renick P
1 Sparrow	Mithiran R
1 Wren	Antonina C
2 Heron	James M
2 Jay	Luca G
2 Woodpecker	Benedict L

Junior - House Points

4 th place is Clitheroe	
3 rd place is More	
2 nd place is Becket	
1 st place is Fisher	

Juniors - Star Writer

3 Willow	Luca F
3 Mulberry	Aniyah O
3 Hawthorn	Raphael M
4 Poplar	Matylda P
4 Ash	Rocco N
4 Rowan	Oscar S
5 Elm	Sienna C
5 Sycamore	Anna N
5 Birch	Grace D
6 Copper Beech	Sophia O
6 Oak	Niamh S
6 Chestnut	Hailey S



Football

A huge well done to our football A team who played a very close game on Wednesday afternoon. The boys took on Woodfield, who are a strong side and showed great determination. The game ended 2-1 to Woodfield, but the boys played brilliantly and will bring this into Monday's game against Muschamp.



Netball

On Wednesday afternoon, our A and B netball team went to Shawley Park to play a couple of games each. Firstly, a big thank you to the parents and family members for taking the children over there after school, we really appreciate you supporting school in this way. A huge well done to all those who took part, out of the 4 games played, we won 2, drew 1 and lost 1. Everyone played so well and it is wonderful to see the team developing with each game.



Mini Marathon

A big thank you to all the families who have expressed interest in running the mini marathon on Saturday 22nd April. We currently have 10 spaces available for the 1 mile event and 30 spaces available for the 2.6km event (Year 5 and 6 only) It would be wonderful to have all these spaces filled, so please do let the school office know if you are interested in taking part in this incredible event.

'Let's Keep Britain Tidy' - School Councillors Litter Pick

At school, the school councillors have been working hard to take care of our community by taking part in a litter pick. We did this around the school grounds and hope to extend this into our wider community in the near future. We couldn't believe all the rubbish we found! It is so important that we take care of the beautiful world God has given us. Well done to all our school councillors who helped!



Wednesday Word

Please click on the link below to access the weekly Wednesday Word - <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/half-term-holiday-card?pid=MTA101634&v=84.7>

Spirituality

CCS Lent Appeal: Building Bridges

The Catholic Children's Society collection boxes will be going home this week. Can the boxes be returned to school when we return after the Easter holiday.

This year's appeal is inspired by Pope Francis's call to 'build bridges, not walls' and find ways to connect and help others in their time of need. Every penny raised by your school will support our work with local disadvantaged children and families.

'Table Talk Topic of the Week' - Can you touch the wind?

General Data Protection Regulations (UK GDPR)

The 'UK General Data Protection Regulation' (UK GDPR) brought about changes about how we can use your personal data and keep it safe, and strengthens your rights over your own data. Please refer to our privacy notices on the school's website for details of how sensitive or private information about yourselves and your children stays safe.