

The last week of last term

We would like to start by thanking all of the children, parents and staff who took part in the Easter Breakfast activities on the last day of the Spring term. The turnout was amazing and it was really lovely to see so many parents taking part in the activities with their children. Well done too to all of the children who entered the decorate an egg Competition; they were all fantastic.

This week

Over the holidays the staff have worked really hard to transform their classrooms to reflect their new themes in order to motivate and excite the children. Each year group has an overall theme for the term and they are:

Nursery— The World
Year 1— Castles
Year 3—Giants
Year 5—Space

Reception— The World
Year 2—Life
Year 4—Chocolate
Year 6— The Great Escape

Throughout the term the children will be learning about all different aspects of the curriculum connected to these themes in order to solve their key question that is driving their learning.

Attendance for w/c 21/3/16:

Reception: 81.4%
Yr 1: 93.2%
Yr 2: 96.5%
Yr 3: 88.1%
Yr 4: 89.5%
Yr 5: 93.9%
Yr 6: 90.1%
Total: 90.5%

Children with 100% attendance from Sept 2015 to date:

Reception: 3
Yr 1: 5
Yr 2: 9
Yr 3: 5
Yr 4: 7
Yr 5: 4
Yr 6: 5
Total: 38

Well done to all of you who have achieved this.

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Parents e-safety courses

There has been so much reported in the media recently about the importance of making sure our children are safe when using the internet. It is so easy to think that we know what they are accessing, however the people wishing to misuse the internet always seem to be one step ahead. We are, therefore holding 2 e-safety workshops for parents during which you will learn all about how to keep your child safe from bullies and groomers etc. This is a really valuable workshop as we often find that the children in school are leaving themselves vulnerable when using the internet at home. The workshops are being held on Monday 25th April at 18.00 until 20.00 and Tuesday 26th April at 10.00—12.00. Please help us to help our children to be safe.



National Curriculum Tests

Each year the children in Year 6 take National Curriculum tests and this year they will be sitting them during the week commencing Monday 9th May. Whilst these are important tests for the children and the school, we endeavour to make the whole week as relaxed as possible for the children to enable them to do their very best. Please help us with this by supporting your children with their homework this term, making sure they arrive in school on time and having eaten their breakfast. All of the tests are taken during the morning so the afternoons will be spent doing sports and other creative activities. As a school we would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of the children the very best. They have been a dedicated and enthusiastic Year 6 and we know that whatever the results they have all worked hard and to the best of their abilities and we thank them for this.



Good luck!

Dance Challenge



On Thursday 28th April a group of 40 children will be representing the school at a dance competition in Rotherham. The children will travel on a coach to and from the competition and the coach will leave school at 09.30, arriving back late in the evening. Parents of the children taking part will receive a letter and are welcome to come along and support the children and the school.

As a school I would like to take this opportunity to thank the children, parents and staff who regularly support the school in the extra-curricular competitions we take part in, particularly Mrs Goodey and Mr Armour who do so with such energy and enthusiasm.

We wish all of the competitors good luck. We know that you will give it your all and we are really proud of the way that you represent the school, thank you!

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Reports

Every child in school will receive an end of year report that gives an overview of the curriculum areas they have covered and their achievements and attainment.



In previous years schools have had a system to indicate exactly where each child was performing, comparing their performance to national expectations, using a system of grading i.e.. 1a, 1b, 1c. In September 2015 this all changed and whilst we are still all working from the same curriculum each school has developed their own system for assessment without levels but based on coverage and achievement within the curriculum. In order to provide useful information for parents about your children's attainment the school report this year will indicate whether your child is working below, at or above the expectations for their school year in English and mathematics and what their attitudes to learning are.

The reports will be given to the children in a sealed envelope addressed to their parents, carers or guardians on Friday 15th July.

Should you have any questions about the report please do not hesitate to get in touch with their class teacher or a member of the Senior Leadership team who will be happy to make an appointment for you to discuss them with you.

New classes

In preparation for the new term in September you will receive a letter indicating your child's new class for the Autumn term in the same envelope with your child's report.

Where new classes have been created there are a number of factors that have been taken into account before placing any child such as their age, ability and most importantly their friendship groups. In order to ensure a smooth transition for the children they will be moving to their new class for 2 days at the end of term, Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th July. We will be holding an open afternoon on Tuesday 19th July from 14.00 until 15.00 where the aim is to give you the chance to meet your child's new class teacher and ask them any questions you might have. Any child leaving the school this summer will go with their current class to the new teacher on these 2 days to ensure consistency for them.

We are hoping that as many people as possible can take advantage of this open afternoon however if you are unable to come and would like to discuss any aspect of your child's new class then please phone the school to make an appointment with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

We have had an amazing year, with many successes and we now look forward to ensuring that the school moves from strength to strength next year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our families for their support and all of the current members of staff for their hard work and effort throughout the year.

Dates For Your Diary

April

Monday 11th—School starts back for the summer term
Tuesday 12th - Y1 visit to Skipton Castle
Wednesday 13th—Year 4 residential—Ingleborough Hall
Friday 15th—rest of Year 4 join residential children for the day
Friday 22nd—Year 5RS visit Barkerend Primary School and one class visits us
Monday 25th—Parents e-safety evening 18.00—20.00
Tuesday 26th—Parents e-safety 10.00 – 12.00
Wednesday 27th—Retest focus reading group
Thursday 28th—Rotherham dance challenge
Friday 29th—Year 5BL visit Barkerend Primary School and one class visits us

May

Monday 2nd—School closed—May Bank holiday
Tuesday 3rd—Year 1 outdoor learning
Monday 9th—Year 6 National curriculum tests week
Monday 16th—Year 6HM visit sewers
Friday 27th—school finishes for half term.

June

Wednesday 8th—INSET day—school closed for children
Thursday 9th—School starts back
Monday 13th—Year 6 residential week
Monday 20th—Year 6 girls visit to waterworks

July

Friday 15th—Reports out to parents
Monday 18th—Children spend time in new class with next years teacher
Tuesday 19th—Children spend time in new class with next years teacher
Tuesday 19th—Parents' open afternoon—meet your child's new teacher



Star of the Week

The children who won awards for attendance the last week of term were-

Courtney Duval—KS1—Kookaburras
Bailey Barraclough—KS2—Swans

