



Newsletter

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Attendance

Our target is 96%.

Attendance to date from September 2018.

Please note difference	W/B 06/04	W/B 13/05
Mango (Nur)	90%	90%
Peach (Rec B)	93%	93%
Apple (Rec N)	94%	95%
Beech (1E)	95%	95%
Maple (1T)	96%	96%
Birch (2R)	96%	96%
Ash (2S)	97%	97%
Oak (3B)	93%	93%
Lemon (3D)	95%	95%
Aspen (4KN)	96%	96%
Spruce (4L)	96%	96%
Palm (5A)	96%	96%
Cherry (5S)	96%	96%
Willow (6G)	96%	96%
Cypress (6S)	93%	93%



**Birch Class Mass
Monday 9.15am**



**No Assembly
Thursday
Closed for Polling**



Dear parents and carers,

I asked the children in Collective Worship on Friday, which value they felt we should focus on this week. Darcy in Year 6 requested that we focus on Excellence. When asked why, he explained that Year 6 would be doing their SATs and that all of them would be trying to do their very best.

Well I am pleased to feedback to you that all of the children in Years 2 and 6, who have been focusing on their SATs, have been amazing over the last few weeks. This week, Year 6 have tackled 6 exam papers focusing on: Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation, Reading, Arithmetic and Reasoning. The staff and I have admired their grit and determination. They kept going with enthusiasm. They are a credit to you parents! And they deserve to do well.

They have worked hard all year and I know that you will join me in extending a deep thank you to all of the staff who have supported the children so well. Everyone can go home this weekend with a feeling of accomplishment, knowing they have done their best, and we cannot ask more of them than that.

Relationships Education

The second half of the Summer term is when we teach this curriculum. The content hasn't changed from last year, but to provide you with a forum to ask any questions about the school's policy or the content that will be covered, we have a representative from Jigsaw leading a workshop on **Wednesday 22nd May at 3:45pm**. Please do come along and find out more. If you have any queries, please refer to Ms. Sheppard who is our PSHE leader.

PTA update

I have been asked by the PTA to include an update so here it is:

The PTA are holding the next monthly cake sale and raffle on **Friday 24th May**. The raffle prizes this month are:

- A family of 3 meal voucher for Nando's;
- A family of 4 meal voucher for Nando's;
- A Body Shop Pamper party for 6 people and
- A Rainbow restaurant family meal voucher for £40.

Raffle tickets will be on sale before and after school, and cakes on sale after school at the school gates.

Please support us by donating cakes, biscuits or other snacks for us to sell. These can be homemade or shop bought and can be left with Reception on the day.

All money raised will go towards funding the summer term school trips for the children.

We are also holding a PTA meeting on **Wednesday 22nd May at 6pm** in the Community House to discuss plans for the summer fayre and everyone is welcome.

Tik Tok

A number of children appear to be using Tik Tok, a video sharing multi media site. There is a separate section for children, but it is very easy to sign up to the older (13+) section as it only involves entering a date of birth which is not verified. **Even with a private child's account, personal information can be seen by anyone using the network.** Children may come across many videos with swearing and other content that is inappropriate for children.

If children are supervised, set up a private account and stick to songs that the children already know. Tik Tok can be fun and child friendly when used wisely.

For more guidance on apps and internet safety, please go to: www.common sense media.org/ and www.saferinternet.org.uk

Polling day—Please remember school is closed as a Polling Station on Thursday 23 May 2019.

Best wishes, Rebecca Abrahams

Class catch-up

Bonjour

Ça ne fait rien! = It doesn't matter. » Pronounced Sa nuh fay reeang. » Merci, Monsieur Whitehead pour la phrase de la semaine.

Nursery

This week in nursery we have been reading Jack and the beanstalk and hoping one will grown from the beans we have planted! The children have been enjoying lots of outside water play as well as exploring with using different tools for painting. Our sound of the week has been "O" for on, off, Oliver, octopus. We are really looking forward to our concert Baby Bach next week at the church. Enjoy your weekend!!

Reception

This week in Maths we have been measuring using our hands, feet, rulers and cubes. We also discovered who is the tallest and the shortest in our class. In Literacy we have been reading Supertato stories and we are continuing to think about our own superhero stories. In R.E. we have been thinking about ways we can look after the Earth. Peach Class enjoyed their trip to Cubitt Town Library. Apple Class did an amazing job with their class assembly and we are looking forward to Peach Class assembly next Tuesday! Have a lovely weekend!

Year 1

This week in Year 1 we have been writing and retelling the story of the Smartest Giant in Town. It is amazing to see all the children writing at length and with so much detail. The children are working hard to problem solve using money in maths. Science this week has been all about creepy crawlies! We have had to think of some research questions

Year 2

We are very pleased in year two that we have finished all of our SATs papers! We are so proud of the effort that all of the children have put in. Next week we are looking forward to finishing off our 'Habitats' topic in science. We will be writing a non-chronological report about how different animals are adapted to their habitats. We will also finish our topic on Rosa Parks which we have really enjoyed. Birch class have their Mass on Monday morning. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Year 3

Year 3 have been working so hard this week in maths. We have been learning to use the grid and short method to solve tricky multiplication problems. We have also been learning about how multiplication and division are related. In Literacy, we have been practicing identifying and using conjunctions in different sentences. We have used scenes from our book, 'The Sheep pig' to help us write these. We have also been learning about what animals eat and how we categorise them.

Year 4

We have been busy yet again in year 4 this week! In our English, we have been continuing to re-write the story of Romulus and Remus. In our maths we have been using our addition and subtraction skills to problem solve and reason, and next week we'll be moving onto doing this with multiplication. We are continuing to enjoy our topic of the Titanic. Next week in our RE, we will be learning all about the story of David and Goliath. Have a lovely weekend!

Year 5

Year 5 have been consolidating written strategies for multiplication and division. We've mapped out our mythological stories to include our own creature creations, magical objects and dangerous quests. Reading the story of Persephone and observing the beautiful illustrations inspired our ideas further and the good use of new and ambitious vocabulary. We're continuing our focus in RE on the concept of miracles. We've looked at those that Jesus performed and explored miracles in other faiths. enjoy your weekend.

Year 6

Phew!! We can all dust ourselves off this weekend after a busy week of SATs! We want to thank all the children for their hard work and thank you for supporting them through it. We've balanced out the academic work with some fun activities such as orienteering, music, art & cricket. We hope you and the children enjoy a well earned rest over the weekend. Thanks! - Team Year 6

Community House News

Coffee Morning on Mondays from 9.00am in the Community House, please come along and join us for a coffee and a chat.

Keep Fit: on Thursdays 9.00-10.00 in school. Crèche available on site.

ESOL Life Skills Course: on every Thursday, To develop their English Language Skills for work, further learning and everyday life.

Employability Course: Mondays 9:00-11.30. This course is in preparation to getting back into work. Building skills and confidence.



Energy Kidz

May Half term

There are now just a few weeks left to book your place at our 'Terrific Scientific' holiday club held over May Half Term. Our Terrific Scientific theme will be dissected by exciting experiments that are sure to spark a fantastic reaction, including 'Rainbow in a bottle', 'Chemical Inflatons', 'Sudsy Eruptions' and 'Resistant Relays'.