



Newsletter

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Attendance

	W/B 27/01	W/B 03/02
Mango (Nur)	91%	91%
Peach (Rec B)	93%	93%
Apple (Rec N)	91%	91%
Beech (1L)	96%	96%
Maple (1S)	95%	95%
Birch (2B)	95%	96%
Ash (2C)	95%	95%
Oak (3B)	98%	98%
Lemon (3C)	96%	96%
Aspen (4G)	96%	96%
Spruce (4L)	97%	97%
Palm (5D)	95%	95%
Cherry (5S)	95%	95%
Willow (6G)	97%	97%
Cypress (6S)	95%	95%



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**Year 1 Beech Class on
Monday at 9.10
All welcome**

NUT FREE SCHOOL



THANK YOU

Key dates coming up this half term

Tuesday 11th February: **Safer Internet Day**, special assembly to be led by Nimesha Nagahawatte.

Thursday 13th February: **Phonics and Reading in Reception Workshop**: to be led by Reception team at 9.15am.

Thursday 13th and Friday 14th February: Taster dates for the new **Spanish club**. Please note that you take the lesson on either Thursday or Friday, but not both.

Thinking ahead to the Summer term, please remember that the May Bank Holiday changed nationally to coincide with Victory in Europe Day, or VE Day, which marks the 75th anniversary of the formal end of World War II. As such:

- Half term is the 17—21 February 2020 and the Easter holidays are: 06—17 April 2020;
- We are closed for Polling on Thursday 7th May 2020 and a Bank holiday on Friday 8th May 2020.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for supporting Parent Teacher consultations so enthusiastically. Turn out was really high, strengthening the partnership between yourselves and the teachers for the benefit of your child's education. If you were unable to attend, please seek to contact the teacher because they will be only too willing to make an alternative time to see you, valuing the chance to work closely with you to ensure the best progress for your child in their learning.

Calendar dates for next year: I promised to work on these and get them out to you before half term. They are attached as a pdf and will also be displayed on the website.

I have double checked, and there should not be any elections next year. As such I have distributed the five INSET days across the year, still allowing for the full six weeks holidays in the summer.

Please note that the dates as listed on the right hand side are when the school is closed for the holidays. The school is also closed to children for all of the five INSET days and any Bank holidays that fall during term time.

When you are studying the dates, please make sure that you are looking at a pdf version.

Furthermore, when booking holidays, please make sure that you refer to our school published dates rather than the ones listed on the Local Authority's website. This is because ours are unique to our school, and you'll want to make sure that your holidays don't clash with when the school is open.

Parent Governor election: Thank you to all of you who took the time to vote in our election. In total we had 62 votes, of which Hylton Bellinger had 23 meaning that has been re appointed.

I have thanked the other applicants for their interest shown in supporting the schools development.

We are delighted to be able to continue to work with Hylton on the board of governors. He is always so positively engaged, happy to seize opportunities to strengthen the work of the school further and to make sure the voice of parents is heard.

Climate Change week: We have been made aware that this has been scheduled for next week and schools are being encouraged to wear red on Friday 14th February to raise awareness. This is not a day to raise funds, but we are happy for the children to wear red if they want to. In the lead up to it, the children will have some focused lessons in class and on the Friday we will share what we have learnt in a special assembly.

Pokemon cards, beyblades and other toys

These have been causing a number of problems in school and so, after much consideration, we have made the decision to ban them from half term onwards. We will instead provide alternatives for the children to play with, during their lunch time, so we promise the children will not be left with nothing to do at that time.

Please make sure that from half term, your children avoid the temptation to bring them into school because if they do, we will have to remove them until home time, and this is likely to cause unnecessary upset. A number of you have shared your concerns about these 'toys' so I really hope we can rely on your for your support.

Confirmation classes

These are running at Christ Church on Thursday evenings, from 17:30 – 18:30.

These are suitable for children in Year 5 and Year 6, who are interested in learning more about God, and would like to reaffirm the promises which were made for them by their parents and godparents when they were baptised. If they have not been baptised, this can be done as part of the confirmation service.

Please see last week's newsletter for further details. If you would like further information or to join these classes, please email Father Tom at tom.pyke@parishiod.org.uk or Josie at josie.godfrey@parishiod.org.uk

Update from the PTA

We are pleased to inform you that the PTA now has charity status! Our registered charity number is: 1187675. We hope that this will enable us to apply for more grants and fund matching to raise funds for the school. Please do get in touch with us if you have any ideas of grants we could apply for, or if your employer fund matches. Our email address is stlukespta@hotmail.com.

We are planning a Valentine's Day raffle & cake and fruit sale on Friday 14th February. The prizes for the raffle are: 1) Family of 4 meal at Nando's; 2) Pair of tickets to Genesis cinema & a babysitting voucher; 3) Hotel Chocolat selection set; 4) £10 Aqua Sana voucher. Raffle tickets will be on sale before and after school. The cake and fruit sale will be after school at the front and back gates. All money raised will go towards the playground redevelopment. We'd welcome any donations for the bake sale, either shop bought or home made and they can be left with Reception on the day, please make sure they are nut free.

Over February half term work will be undertaken to install an outdoor art area and stage for the children in the playground. This has been paid for using some of the money raised at the Christmas Fayre. With the remainder of the money we are hoping to purchase a new greenhouse and to install a grass maze. Thank you for your continued support.

With best wishes, Rebecca Abrahams

Class catch-up

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Nursery</u></p> <p>We have had another excellent week in nursery exploring our topic of Space and making some more craft artworks. Next week we will be finishing our Space topic with the story of 'The Dinosaur Who Pooped a Planet!', so expect dinosaurs in the space role play and dinosaur foot-printing. Our phonics sound next week will be 'p' and we will be doing lots of big mark making to practise our writing skills. Have a great weekend everyone!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Reception</u></p> <p>Next week in Literacy we will be reading "How to catch a star". In our writing we are going to write "I will...." sentences. In maths we will be continuing our learning of subtraction sums using cubes, bears, our fingers or drawings. In Phonics we will be learning these sounds: x and y. In RE we will be reading the story of when Jesus healed the paralysed man. We look forward to sharing our Phonics lesson with you next Thursday at 9:15am. Have a lovely weekend.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Year 1</u></p> <p>We've had another very busy week in Year 1! Thanks again to all of the parents that made it to Parents Evening this week. In Year 1 this week we have been writing and editing some amazing versions of the Three Little Pigs. Next week our focus will shift to reading and writing non-fiction linked to our History work on homes from the past. In Maths we shall be looking at place value and working with larger numbers up to 50/100. Our D&T work will involve us designing and making 'Bug Hotels' to be placed around the school grounds. Thanks, Year 1.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Year 2</u></p> <p>We've been working so hard in Year 2 this week. We've been exploring 2-D and 3-D shapes confidently, we were amazed when we drew round the faces of a 3-D shape, we found a 2-D shape! We will continue our work on shape focusing on counting edges and vertices, sorting and making patterns. In Literacy we've been using noun phrases in our setting descriptions, next week we will be retelling the Story Machine using our own ideas. In RE we will consider our big question - how do Muslim's show commit to Allah? In DT we will be making our own bread. In History we will be reflecting on our learning about the Great Fire of London. In Science we will be investigating the waterproof properties of wax. We hope everyone has a lovely weekend.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Year 3</u></p> <p>We have been working hard on preparing ourselves for our big write next week - retelling the Roman legend of Romulus and Remus. In RE we have looked at the 10 commandments and we had lots of discussion about moral dilemmas. We will be looking at statistics in maths, however, we would ask that you please continue to support your children at home with money! Check they can confidently count up in 10ps, 20ps. If they have some coins in their pocket, do they have enough to buy an item costing two pounds and twenty pence? How much more would they need? A reminder to bring back project homework by next week! Thank you!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Year 4</u></p> <p>We have had a productive week in year 4. We have really enjoyed starting our D&T project! Next week, we look forward to making our Egyptian headdresses. In English, we will be exploring and writing poetry. In Maths, we will continue developing our knowledge of fractions. We will be celebrating climate learning week and will do some learning around this topic. In Spruce class, we will start rehearsing for our class assembly which is scheduled for the first week back after half term. Please look out for a letter in regards to next half terms swimming arrangements. Have a restful weekend Year 4!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Year 5</u></p> <p>It's been a super week in Year 5. In English we have explored features of persuasion through drama looking at which techniques have the most impact and why. This is in preparation to their letter to Queen Victoria, in a plea to abolish child labour. In Maths the children have been engrossed in fractions- converting improper fractions to mixed numbers and vice-versa. Next week the children will be looking at number sequences and comparing and ordering. In R.E the children have also looked at Sikhism and the importance of equality, commitment and belonging. The children really enjoyed a debate around the question; Is everyone equal? Perhaps this discussion can be extended with parents over the weekend. We hope you have a wonderful weekend.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Year 6</u></p> <p>It has been great to meet so many of you again over the last two weeks at this important time in your child's education. If you haven't spoken to us at parents evening please speak to us to arrange an appointment. Next week we will be finishing our alternate endings to the Wedding Ghost story, continuing to focus on algebra and developing our understanding of light. We are excited for our school trip on Thursday to Temple Church, which is one of the most historic churches in England and an opportunity to discuss how the Christian message has managed to last 2000 years. We are excited to listen to the children's presentations next Friday about inspirational people who have had an impact on the world. Have a great weekend! Team Year 6</p>

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 Wednesdays 9.00am-10.00am in school. Crèche available on site.

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

Employability Course: Tuesdays 9:00am-11.30am. This course is in preparation to returning to work. Building skills and confidence.

GreenSTEM Festival

Saturday 8th February at Greenwich University

The Green STEM Festival - Our Planet is an inspirational event organised by Engineering Minds, funded by the UK Science Festival Network and ARM, aiming to empower children and families from South-East London to understand how our actions impact on the future of Earth.

Please join us for a day full of exciting and free activities for children <https://www.engineeringminds.org.uk/stem-fest>

During February half term Engineering Minds will be running LEGO Robotics & Stop Motion Animation Clubs.

