



Newsletter

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Attendance

	W/B 20/01	W/B 27/01
Mango (Nur)	91%	91%
Peach (Rec B)	93%	93%
Apple (Rec N)	92%	91%
Beech (1L)	96%	96%
Maple (1S)	95%	95%
Birch (2B)	95%	95%
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)	96%	97%
Cypress (6S)	95%	95%

Key dates coming up this half term

Monday 3rd February: We celebrate Candlemass in church—details from Richard Griffiths, below.

Thursday 6th February—2nd opportunity for parents to see their child's class teacher for **Parent Consultations**, 2—6pm, in the main school hall.

Friday 7th February—Fuzz Dix will lead our **Parents' Prayer** from 9.00-9.45am in Community House. This is an opportunity for parents to commit the prayers of children in the school to God and to also share prayers of their own, for the school, themselves and their families, and for their communities.

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.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to provide an update on the following:

Coping with cold weather

Please note that the class teams make sure that children leave the classroom at break times and lunch times with their coats on. However, once outside, when the children are running around, some children get hot and choose to take their coats off. The staff would not deter a child from taking their coat off, however, if they felt the child looked cold, they would then strongly encourage the child to put the coat back on.

We all care very much for all of the children here. The staff observe them carefully, and understand the need to intervene to seek to keep the children healthy and safe.

Packed lunches

Please can I also remind you that packed lunches need to contain healthy food and drinks—ideally for a drink, just water.

Lunch times are very busy times in a school day, however the staff understand the importance of supervising the contents of packed lunches and they may intervene if a child is eating food considered to be unhealthy i.e. sugary snacks, sweets, biscuits etc.

As a parent myself, I well appreciate the challenges when putting a lunch together, and I would say a packet of crisps with an otherwise healthy sandwich and fruit is reasonable, however a lack of balance would cause concern. Please note that the staff would never let the children go hungry though, and in the event that it is felt that items should not be consumed, the child will be offered an alternative to see them through until home time.

Without initiatives like this, we do then suffer the impact of unhealthy food consumption on behavior and also stand to lose the school's 'Healthy Schools' Status.

A new after school club for Spanish

I am pleased to be able to share with you that we have a new provider for teaching Spanish after school to children in KS1 and KS2. The club will start officially after half term, running on Thursdays and Fridays, but offering taster sessions on the 13th and 14th February.

Please see attached leaflet and registration form, providing further details.

Trips

Our children have visited a range of exciting places this half term: Year 1 went to 'Sailor Town' in the **Museum of London**, Year 5 visited the **Guildhall Art Gallery** and the Digital Leaders visited the **Apple**



Collective Worship

Monday 3rd February 2020
CANDLEMASS

in Christchurch, please see
overleaf for more information

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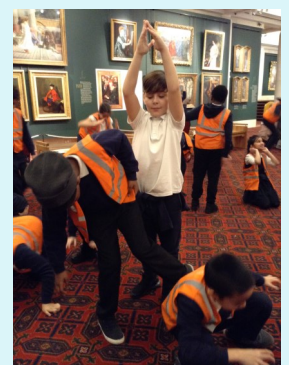
THANK YOU



"We explored iMovie and re-viewed Apple products...it was really fun and a great opportunity"
Dua & Alice, Year 6



"We felt really excited and there were lots of fun things to do...there was a human hamster wheel! The giant helmets had different smells...one of them smelt of fish!"
Beech Class



"Did you know Art can tell stories? It was amazing to go here—the gallery was so mysterious! I enjoyed posing...it was art-tastic!
CJ & Joshua, Year 5

Class catch-up

Nursery

We are continuing to enjoy our topic of space, with children engaging in lots of fun painting activities this week. Next week we are reading 'Aliens in Underpants Save the World' and we will be doing lots more arts and crafts around the topic, including fabric collage and lots of junk modelling. Phonics has got off to a great start, with children really enjoying learning new sounds and having a go at writing them on big pieces of paper. Next week's sound is 'i' and phonics sheets to take home will be in their usual place next to the nursery door.

Reception

Next week in Reception, we will be moving onto a new story- 'The Way Back Home'. We will be designing our own pet alien and writing a sentence about our pet alien. In Maths, we will be introducing subtraction and learning how to solve a number sentence. In phonics, we will learn the new sounds; 'v' and 'oo'. Just a reminder to name all clothing items that the children bring to school. Have a lovely weekend!

Year 1

Lovely to see so many of you at parents evening. If you haven't signed up yet, there are a few appointments left for next Thursday. Next week Year 1 will be looking at the book 'Home' by Carson Ellis. In Maths we will be developing our understanding of Place Value and working with numbers up to 50. Also, the new Chromebooks will be back in class as we continue to familiarise ourselves with the keyboard and trackpad. Thanks, Year 1.

Year 2

What a busy week we've had in Year 2. We've completed our excellent writing about the Great Fire of London using a range of conjunctions and interesting vocabulary. We'll be moving on to focus on a new book called Story Machine and writing setting descriptions. In Maths we have been counting sides and vertices of 2D shapes and next week we'll be focusing on symmetry and pattern using 2D shapes. In Science we'll be exploring materials' texture and properties through printing. In RE we'll be learning about the fifth pillar of Islam, the Hajj. Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Year 3

This week the children were introduced to Romulus and Remus legend in English and focused on the aspects of grammar. In History we will learn about the Roman invasion and how Britain was effected. Next week sees the children exploring the story in more depth. Looking at the characters and their feelings and motivations. In Maths we will be introducing the children to the topic of Money. This will include solving amounts of money problems, working out change and how many coins make another coin.

Year 4

We have had a fun-filled week in Year 4! We have really enjoyed conducting our science experiments and of course Ancient Egyptian Day! Next week, we look forward to exploring Ancient Egyptian poetry, in English. For Maths, we will begin learning about fractions. In French, the children will be giving their opinion of school subjects. We will begin our D&T topic based on sewing. If you have a needle and thread at home please practice threading a needle. Have an amazing weekend Year 4!

Year 5

Year 5 have been super energetic this week. Both classes have visited the Guildhall Museum, looking at their Victorian art display. The children had an amazing time and engaged in various activities, discovering Victorian artist - James Webb. In Maths this week, we have been looking at equivalent fractions and have created our own fraction wall. Next week, the children will extend their skills to improper fractions. In English the children have completed their non-chronological report about Victorian Workhouses. Ask your child about life in the Workhouse. Next week, the children will start to explore modal verbs and persuasive writing. Please ensure your child is practising their times tables and weekly spelling. We hope you have a restful weekend.

Year 6

Next week in Year 6 we will be writing our own stories based on The Wedding Ghost in English and further developing our understanding of algebraic equations in Maths. We will look at how confirmation helps spread the Christian message in RE and be thinking about why it is important to stand up for what is right in our History lessons. We will also continue to look at the way in which Excel can be used to organise information in computing. It was great to meet so many of you yesterday and we look forward to seeing more of you next week. If you haven't already made an appointment please do so, the sign up sheets are in the school office. Have a great weekend. 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 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.

Candlemass

This Monday we will be celebrating Candlemass in church (this is the celebration of the presentation of Jesus at the temple).

In order to make sure the children are able to engage as well as they can with the service we will be splitting into Year 1 - 3 and Year 4 - 6.

This will allow us more space in the church and also allow Father Tom to deliver the service in a more meaningful way. The Year 1-3 service will take place at 9:20am and the Year 4-6 service will take place at 10:00am.

If you are able to join us for either service which will be led by Father Tom you would be most welcome.