

9th February 2018

Headteacher Awards - Well Done to
 Zaara in Blue Class for her super character description in English.

Reception – China

The learning journey for Reception children this week has taken them to China. They have listened to traditional Chinese music, performed Dragon Dances, learnt about cultural differences, animals and climate.

The children were really enthusiastic about making a stir fry! They watched as the ingredients they had chopped up were added to the cooker, along with soy sauce and noodles. All the children were able to safely observe the cooking process, see how the food changed consistency or colour, as the cooker was placed under the Visualiser. Once everything was cooked the children were able to try using chopsticks to taste the stir fry.



Year 1 – Chinese New Year

The children in Year 1 have been learning about Chinese New Year celebrations. After watching a presentation about why Chinese New Year is celebrated the children discussed the different customs and traditions.

Chinese Dragons are seen as being lucky and good and the children made their own version of a Chinese Dragon. They used colouring pens and collage to bring their templates to life and constructed the body of the dragons so that they could move and dance!



Year 2 – Great Fire of London Workshop

Year 2 children travelled back in time to the streets of London in 1666. The day, which was packed with drama and role play, started with the children learning hands on about the skills which would have been common for workers of the era, such as chandlers, bakers and pewterers. The costumes really helped the children get into character. As the children worked they heard about a fire that was raging and growing closer. What action did they need to take to try and stop the fire – what could be done to save the streets of London? The afternoon session began with the children searching for charred remains of personal belongings and important documents and finished with a story.



DIARY DATES SPRING TERM 2018

HALF TERM

Mon 12th-Fri 16th February

Monday 19th-23rd February

Punctuality Week

Tuesday 20th February

100 Day Celebration

Friday 23rd February

Blue Class Assembly
 2.30pm + Families

Wednesday 28th February

Yr2 Intra School Sports Competition

Monday 26th February

Parent Consultations

Wednesday 28th February

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Thursday 1st March

St. David's Day

Friday 2nd March

Quiz Night

Wednesday 7th March

Yr1 Intra School Sports Competition

Friday 9th March

Orange Class Assembly
 2.30pm + Families

Thursday 15th March

Yr2 Buck County Museum Visit

Friday 16th March

Red Class Assembly
 2.30pm + Families

Saturday 17th March

St. Patrick's Day

Monday 19th March

Book Fair in school until 22nd March

Full Governing Body Meeting

Thursday 22nd March

Yr1 Aldenham Country Park Visit

Friday 23rd March

Sports Relief Non Uniform Day – sports clothes & small change for Sport Relief
 Sport Relief Activities & Assembly

Monday 26th March

Rock Steady Concert + Parents

Tuesday 27th March

Kingsway Castaway Kids Day

Wednesday 28th March

Easter Egg Tombola & Cake Sale

Thursday 29th March

Sponsored Obstacle Course Event

SPRING TERM ENDS

Thursday 29th March at 1.30pm

**Reminder – school closed
 next week for
 half term break
 12th to 16th February.
 See you all on Monday 19th
 February – by 8.55 am to
 receive a punctuality
 sticker 😊**

Safeguarding – Safer Internet Day – Create, Connect and Share Respect: A Better Internet Starts With You

The whole school celebrated Safer Internet Day on Tuesday. All classes watched a video about internet safety and had a whole class discussion about using the internet safely. Reception talked about using *YouTube* and asking an adult if they can use *YouTube Kids* whenever they use it. Year 1 had circle time after watching the video and talked about being kind to others and respecting others feelings when using social media sites. Year 2 looked at different images and discussed which images they thought it would be safe to upload and why. Year 2 also carried out research and found that 86% of Year 2 children have been on *YouTube* at home and almost a third have watched it unsupervised - and half of them say they have seen scary or upsetting pop-ups or adverts whilst watching. They also researched mobiles phones and social media sites and found that nearly half of Year 2 said they have a mobile phone, 32% said they have been on *Facebook* or/and *Snapchat* and 12.5% said they have their own *Facebook* account even though the minimum legal age is 13!



If you would like tips on internet safety you can go to www.saferinternet.org.uk, you will also be able to see the video the children watched (3-7 yr olds) and videos aimed at older children. Your internet provider can also provide extra layers of filtering at no extra cost..

Parent Governors

We are delighted to announce that we have appointed two new Parent Governors this week. Welcome to Mrs Clair Gami and Mr Gwilym Jones. Our Governing Body is looking forward to working with you.

Punctuality Week – 19th February

Remember we will continue to focus on punctuality and will be giving out punctuality stickers after the half term break. Make sure your child receives a sticker by arriving before 8.55am **every** day.

Friday Parent to Lunch

Would you like to join your child for Fun Lunch on a Friday lunchtime? Have you ever wondered what the lunchtime routine is? How big the portions are? What does the food taste like? If so come and experience it for yourself for only £3.20. Contact the school office to make your reservation, numbers are limited so booking is essential. **Payment in advance, the day before at the latest please (ring before 9.30 if you need to cancel).** Please inform us beforehand if you have any special dietary requirements or food allergies. Reservations available for all weeks at the moment.

Little Rascals Out of School Club

If you are looking for childcare after school you may be interested in finding out more about Little Rascals. The club, which has been operating for 14 years, is off site and children attending are collected and transported to the club by car at the end of the school day. It is open until 6.30 pm and is fully insured and Ofsted registered. If you would like to find out more go to <http://www.littlerascalsoutofschool.co.uk> or telephone Moira on 07763 214360 or email info@littlerascalsoutofschool.co.uk.

Attendance

Green Class won the attendance cup last week with 100% attendance – excellent! We will be celebrating 100% in assembly after half term.

Late arrivals will be marked as unauthorised absence. If you arrive late, after 8.55 am, it is important to sign your child in at the school office.

ORANGE	98.3%	RED	96.0%
GREEN 🏆	100%	YELLOW	93.9%
BLUE	94.4%	PURPLE	97.2%

Literacy Challenge

Can you recite the letters of the alphabet in order?

Philosophy For Children (P4C)

When a photo or video is shared on the internet who might be able to see it?

What do you think?

DIARY DATES SUMMER TERM 2018

Monday 16th April

Summer Term starts

Poetry Week

Thursday 19th April

Verse Speaking Heats

Monday 23rd April

Poetry Competition Finals

St. Georges Day

Wednesday 25th April

St. Georges Disco

Thursday 26th April

Class Photographs

1st-25th May

KS1 Statutory Tests

Monday 7th May

Bank Holiday – School Closed

Thursday 17th May

Year 2 Southend on Sea Visit

Friday 18th May

Reception Mead Open Farm

21st-25th May

Science Week

Monday 21st May

Science Carousel Day

Friday 25th May

Spectacular Science Afternoon

2.30pm + Parents

Thursday 24th May

Year 1 Whipsnade Visit

HALF TERM

Mon 28th May – Fri 1st June

See our website for dates after half term

Friday 15th June

INSET Day – School Closed for Children

SUMMER TERM ENDS

FRIDAY 20TH July at 1.30pm

23rd & 24th July

INSET Days – School Closed for Children

25th, 26th & 27th July

Occasional Days – School Closed

AUTUMN TERM 2018

3rd & 4th September

INSET Days – School Closed for Children

Wednesday 5th September

Autumn Term Starts

See our website for more dates for 2018/2019

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are **VERY** short of girls tights. If you have any you can donate to our spare clothes cupboard we would be very grateful 😊

Letters

Sent Out This Week

Parent Consultation Letters
Half Term Achievement Certificates