

Headteacher Awards - Well Done to

Isla from Green Class and Jake from Purple Class for giving our rabbits such a great holiday with their families.

Reception

This half term Reception children are going to be looking at mini beasts. As well as learning songs and reading books about mini beasts they will be using the gardens around the school building to go out and look for mini beasts. The children will be observing the different features of the creatures they find and finding out what they eat, where they live and their lifecycle.

They have already set up an ant farm in the classroom so they can observe the ants as they are at work constructing a new home.



Welcome back to the start of a new term. We have lots of hard work to do as well as lots of exciting things to look forward to; school trips, swimming, end of year show, sports day and lots more!



Year 1

Year 1 have started their Science project for this half term. They will be learning how to classify animals into different groups and discussing their special features. This week they made their own quiz. They drew an animal and wrote down four different features of the animal, such as how many legs, shape of ears and colours or patterns of an animal. Their partner and teacher then had to guess what animal they had drawn by reading the clues. In the classroom the children have been keeping watch on a Peregrine nest via a webcam – see the web address overleaf if you would like to join in.



Year 2

Year 2 have started the new term off by learning how to read the time to the hour and half hour on an analogue clock.

They have been using clocks to show the correct position of the clock hands at different times and drawing the exact position of the hands in their workbooks – paying particular attention to the hour hand on the half hour.

The children have made their own clocks to take home so they can practice and do their homework this week.

Next week they will be learning how to read quarter past and quarter to the hour.



DIARY DATES SPRING TERM 2018

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 Visit

21st-25th May

Science Week

Monday 21st May

Science Carousel Day

Thursday 24th May

Yr1 Whipsnade Zoo Visit

Friday 25th May

Spectacular Science Afternoon

2.30pm + Parents

HALF TERM

Mon 28th May – Fri 1st June

Swimming begins – rota tba

Tuesday 5th June

African Drama Workshop

11th-15th June

Phonics Check Week Yr1 & some Yr2

Wednesday 13th June

New Intake Parents Meeting 2pm, 7pm

Friday 15th June

INSET Day – School Closed for Children

Friday 22nd June

Non Uniform Day – Jazzy Jars

Wednesday 20th June

Sept 2018 Visit 1.30-2.30pm

Friday 29th June

Non Uniform Day Cakes & Bottles

Sept 2018 Visit 1.30-2.30pm

Saturday 30th June

Summer Fair 12.00 – 3.00pm

Verse Speaking Competition

Well done to all the children who tried their best and read their poems in the verse speaking heats this week. Three children were selected from each class to go through to the final on Monday afternoon. Congratulations and good luck to our finalists:-

ORANGE	Reece, Cassie, Edie	RED	James, Maisy, Frankie
GREEN	Koh-Hing, Elodie, Joshua P	YELLOW	Seth, Jakub, Mikayel
BLUE	Mia, Madison, Dylan	PURPLE	Nishma, Siobhan, Logan

Just a Thought

We have been thinking about our 8.45 am flexible start each morning. Arriving 10 minutes earlier each day amounts to 50 minutes of extra learning time each week – and a staggering 31 hours of extra lesson time each year!! When the children arrive at 8.45 they are not leisurely taking their coats off and getting their reading books out waiting for the register to be taken at 8.55, they are getting straight on with their learning. Our flexible start time is proving to be a great success with staff, parents and children.

Easter Tombola and Cake Sale

Thank you for your donations and support for our Easter fundraising project. We hope you all enjoyed the goodies you went home with. We raised £182.60 to put towards the refurbishment of our Sunshine Room.

Sponsored Bouncy Obstacle Course

Our bouncy obstacle course was great fun – and even those children who were at first a bit overwhelmed soon started to enjoy the challenge! Thanks to those families who have already collected and sent in their sponsorship money – you have already raised just over £900, we have been amazed at your generosity. If you haven't sent in your money yet please could we have it next week so that we can get it counted, banked and spent! We will let you know the final total next week.

Keyboard Lessons

Mr Jowett, our keyboard teacher, has two free half hour spaces to teach keyboard skills after school on a Thursday. If your child would like to learn their favourite song for fun or challenge their music reading, writing or theory abilities this could be for them! The first session is 3.30-4.00pm and then 4.00-4.30pm. The first lesson is free. To discuss costs and availability please contact Mr Jowett on ijowett84@gmail.com or 07598 736555 or you can leave your contact details at the school office for him.


Back to School

Take a look at this great digital magazine FREE for all parents of primary school children. It's packed full of advice to help you get the best out of primary school for your child. Just visit this link to read completely for free: www.backtoschoolmagazine.com

Attendance

Green Class won the attendance cup for the last week of the Spring term – well done! Congratulations to all the children who received attendance certificates for the Spring Term. We have got some fantastic trophies ready for the end of year attendance awards.

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	90.8%	RED	91.3%
GREEN 	97.4%	YELLOW	96.9%
BLUE	83.8%	PURPLE	94.8%

Maths Challenge

Can you draw a clock face with all the numbers in the correct order?

Philosophy For Children (P4C)

Why was Humpty Dumpty sat on the wall?

What do you think?

DIARY DATES SUMMER TERM 2018

Thursday 5th July

Picnic Lunch Day

Friday 6th July

Theatre in School – Jungle Book

Monday 9th July

Full Governing Body Meeting

Wednesday 11th July

Family Open Evening

Friday 13th July

Sports Day 9.30

Reports Home

Monday 16th July

Rocksteady Concert + Parents 2.15

Wednesday 18th July

School Disco 5.00 – 6.00 pm

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

School Fund Contributions

School fund contributions are now due for the last term of this school year. The suggested donation is £3.50 which goes towards, art, craft, cooking and science etc. If you have already paid, or paid £10 for the whole year thank you – the children have really enjoyed using the resources.

Letters Sent Out This Week

Class Visit letter-
Rec, Yr1 & Yr2

eSafety Newsletter
(via ParentMail)

Keyboard Lessons
(via ParentMail)



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