

SPRING TERM 2019 INFORMATION (1)

Fun to teach, fun to learn



Dear Parents and Carers,

My apologies for not writing to you sooner. I cannot believe we are already coming to the end of the first half of the Spring Term. Pupils have worked extremely hard and enjoyed several themed weeks of learning including: local heritage week, national storytelling week and Safer Internet week. We celebrated Safer Internet Day on the 5th February and pupils were taught simple rules about keeping safe online and learnt about why some games have age restrictions on them. Please could parents and carers be mindful of the games children are playing on line and ensure they are age appropriate. Some games pupils are playing on the playground are derived from online games with a much older age restriction.

Following the recent parent Governor election, I would warmly like to welcome Mrs. Claire Barnes onto the Governing Body for a second term. Thank you for all of the nominations and for the high return of ballot papers.

And finally, following consultation with pupils, parents, staff and governors into defining a set of core values for our school, I am delighted to announce we have identified core values which are encapsulated in the word DREAMS. Each letter represents one or more of our core values.

Core Values

D is for being determined

R is for being responsible, respectful and resilient

E is for being enthusiastic, excited and empathetic

A is for having aspirations and a positive attitude

M is for being motivated and having lovely manners

S is for being successful



The word dreams, is incredibly important as we believe all children should have a dream, or something they aspire to be. The values will be taught through assemblies and re-enforced in lessons permeating all aspects of school life.

Yours sincerely,
Tracey A Wilson, Head Teacher

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Spring Term Parent/Teacher Consultations

These will be held after school as follows:

Main school (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils): March 4th, 5th and 6th from 3:15 to 5:30pm
Please note Mrs Lowe's appointments will be: 4th, 5th and 13th March – 3:15pm – 5:30pm

Nursery: 4th March - during session time and after school from 3:30 to 5:30pm
5th and 6th March – after school only from 3:30 to 5:30pm

Appointment slips have been sent out this week and should be returned to school by Wed 27th Feb
Appointment times will be confirmed Thursday 28th Feb



Fairtrade Week: Feb 25th – 1st March



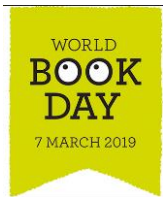
Fairtrade Fortnight runs from the 25th February until the 10th March 2019.

This is when UK businesses, schools, community groups and places of worship show their support for farmers and who grow our food in developing countries. Pupils will be learning about where food comes from and will be baking using Fairtrade products.

We will be holding a cake sale on Friday 1st March at 3:00pm with delicious treats pupils have made.

This is part of pupils work on enterprise. Any monies raised will be used to continue to support our friends in the Kamuge-Olinga nurseries in Eastern Uganda.

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World Book Day – Thursday 7th March



We will be celebrating World Book day on Thursday 7th March. This will be a non-uniform day and we are encouraging children to either dress up as their favourite characters from stories, or join in our 'Around the World theme' and dress up as characters or animals from stories and information texts from across the globe. Prizes will be awarded to the best homemade costume and best 'Around the World' themed costume in each class.

World Book Day is about celebrating stories and sharing books. We will be having a special storytelling session **from 2:15 – 3:15pm on World Book Day**, with the aim of enthusing and celebrating a love of reading. If you or a family member would like to join us for this session, please let your child's teacher know.



Changes to Guided Reading Days

Due to changes in class timetables, some guided reading days have changed. Please see below the revised days for each class. Please can you ensure your child brings their reading folder on their guided reading day. Apologies for inconvenience.

Class	Guided Reading Day
Class 1: Mrs Phillips	Monday
Class 2: Miss O'Connor	Tuesday
Class 3: Miss Illingworth	Thursday
Class 4: Miss Nicholson	Friday
Class 5: Mrs Lowe	Tuesday
Class 6: Mrs Hunter	Monday

**Half Term is week beginning 18th February.
School re-opens on Monday 25th February**