



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

IT has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school this week and they have made a positive start to the new term. I hope that you enjoyed the festive break and I would like to extend my personal good wishes to you all for the year ahead.



As you know, part of our vision for our school is that 'we aspire, with God's help to be the best that we can be.' In this week's Highlights there are some reminders about school attendance and uniform expectations which are both an important part of setting our standards and being our best. Please do take note of the points made and contact us via the school office if you need any further support.

Curriculum maps will be coming home next week so please look out for these as they have useful information about your child's learning this half term. We will also be inviting you to meet with teachers on 27th February to share your child's progress and next steps in learning.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to help your child achieve the very best outcomes.

Mrs Bailey

Setting the Standard

AS part of our vision to be 'the best that we can be' we want the children to be looking super smart in their school uniform.

Here are a few reminders:

Long hair should be tied back, short hair should not have lines shaved in.

Earrings should be studs—hoops or dangly earrings are not permitted to avoid injury.

Finger nails should not be painted and acrylic nails are not permitted.

Track suits on PE days should be black or navy and not have logos.

Children should wear black school shoes, trainers are only for PE days.

Trainers for PE days should be black and not bright colours.

Shirts should be tucked in with ties straight.

Cardigans should not be worn hanging off the shoulders .

Please see website or year book for further clarification regarding school uniform.



Dates for the diary

- 13th January—Year 6 trip to Royal Courts of Justice
- 17th January—Year 3 Swimming
- 22nd January—Year 4 Viking Workshop
- 6th February—Year 5 trip to Hampton Court Palace
- 11th February—Safer Internet Day
- 14th February—**INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 17TH—21ST February **HALF TERM HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 24th February—Children return to school
- 27th February—Teacher/Parent Consultations—**SCHOOL CLOSES AT 1.30PM**
- 10th March—Wellbeing week—**NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THIS WEEK**

Can't Come to School Today?

PLEASE can we remind everyone that if your child is unable to attend school you must contact the school office before 9am. Failure to do so could result in unauthorised absences. If you are having any planned absence then you should complete the form which is available from the school office.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Parking safely

HELP us to keep everyone safe by being considerate and thinking before you park at drop off and pick up. We have recently had reports of some near misses so please consider our children, parents, carers and our neighbours when parking and approaching the school. Even if you are running late please park carefully and legally.

Penalty Notice for Unauthorised Absence

JUST to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive) in a 10 week period, they will be liable to receive a penalty notice. Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £160.00 per parent/carer per child if paid which reduces to £80 if paid within 21 days. If a further 5 days absence occurs parents will be liable for a second penalty notice of £160 per parent per child with no reduction. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices. Further absence could also result in prosecution.

Scan the QR code to see our term dates



Book Recommendation

THIS weeks book recommendation comes from Oakley and Hugo from Rhino Class. This is the first recommendation by children and we are so proud of the way they stood up during worship to give their review.

They both recommend a series of books called Bunny vs Monkey by Jamie Smart.

Oakley said that these books are good for reading in your head with great pictures.

Hugo said that they were suitable for children from age 6 –12 and if you like Dog Man and Captain Underpants you will like these books too.

In particular both boys like the book 'Multiverse Mix-Up'.





Our value for this half term is compassion



During worship this week we reflected on what compassion means and used the following poem to help us to remember.



- Costly caring
- Offering help
- Making a difference
- Putting others first
- Always listening
- Sensitive to suffering
- Service in action
- Interested in others



Offering care and concern

Noticing a need

We looked at the following passage from Mark as an example of when Jesus put the needs of others before his own, he noticed when others needed help or healing and responded to this.

“When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.” Mark 6. 34

The children have been set a challenge to ‘notice a need’ and show compassion to others around school. This could be a simple act of kindness shown to another person such as listening to someone who needs to talk or helping someone when they are in need.

We will be sharing some of these compassionate acts in Highlights this half term, please also send in any examples from outside of school for us to celebrate.

**NO ACT OF
KINDNESS,
however small,
IS EVER
WASTED.**

Aesop

House Points:

Foxall
681

WINNER

Howard
541

Lockington
661

Mann
615

Ace Attendance Winners of the Week

The class with the best attendance this week is...

INFANTS: Kangaroo—88.9%

JUNIORS: Buffalo—98.8%

Our attendance target is 96% Whole school this week 90%

How Egg...citing!

ON Monday the children in Year 1 made an exciting discovery. They found a large egg outside the hall. The children thought about where it might have come from and how we can take care of it. Later in the week, as part of their English learning, the children wrote predictions about what might be inside the egg. We can't wait to find out!



ACE Achievers

THIS week we are celebrating the achievements of a brother and sister! Isabella from Panther Class and Joshua from Elephant Class.



Isabella has been offered a place at the Chelsea Girls Advanced Development Centre where they offer a soccer program for girls that gives a higher level of challenge for players who already play regularly for a team.

Her brother Joshua was made a "sixer" in his lodge for his cub section.

This means that he has some responsibility of supporting the 5 children in his section to lead and motivate them in Cubs.



Well done to both of you we are super proud of all our ACE Achievers.

ACE Celebration Stars of the Week

| | Name | Reason |
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| Koala | Louis S | For showing great perseverance when building his own spaceship |
| | Aukse M | For trying really hard when learning to write her name |
| Kangaroo | Archie Y | For trying really hard when writing with an adult |
| | Jet M | For great improvement in learning to write her name |
| Tiger | Victoria H | For making fantastic progress in her reading |
| | Paris K | For her hard work in naming and sorting 2D shapes |
| Panda | Sara S | For a great first week in Panda Class |
| | Sonny-James | For creating a wonderful shape picture |
| Zebra | Issa N | For making good choices throughout the school day |
| | Samreen | For great writing about characters in our book on Minpins |
| Giraffe | Ruby M | For settling well into Giraffe class and being a kind friend |
| | Rea B | For great times table work in maths |
| Lemur | Louie H | For excellent effort in maths when multiplying |
| | Alice S | For always being a helpful and excellent friend |
| Meerkat | Dixie F | For her excellent understanding on why we have a skeleton |
| | Max C | For always being so focused and attentive in all lessons |
| Rhino | Kwaku K | For making a fantastic start to his time at ACE |
| | Shakaya H | For her amazing creativity when creating tints and tones |
| Elephant | Skylar | For her excellent learning about multiplying three numbers |
| | Rowan S | For his clear explanation on multiplying three numbers |
| Llama | Thame A | For his focus and progression in accuracy in maths |
| | Zach D | For his positive attitude and growth mindset towards his learning |
| Buffalo | Joey C | For his fantastic understanding and hard work in maths |
| | Mariam U | For her excellent contributions to class discussion |
| Panther | Thomas O | For a fantastic piece of artwork inspired by artists we have studied |
| | Alfie O | For his positive attitude and always asking questions to further his learning |
| Leopard | Lucy Y | For her enthusiasm and understanding in Science |
| | Lucas P | For being an excellent role model to others and always trying to be the best that he can be. |