



February 2018 newsletter

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your mind and with all your strength and love your neighbour as yourself.' Mark 28:31

Wow - what a month February has been! With our SIAMs inspection on 2nd February and our Ofsted inspection on 20th February we have certainly been kept busy. I have received a draft copy of our SIAMs report which I hope to be able to share at the beginning of next week when it has been approved by the Diocese. Hopefully before the Easter break I will be able to share the outcome of our OfSTED inspection too.

Children, staff and Governors have worked so hard during both inspections – indeed two inspections in seven working school days is a pretty incredible achievement. However without the on-going support of parents and carers our school would not be the amazing place that it is. Thank you to all parents and carers who contributed to either or both of these inspections – from completing questionnaires online and in paper format, to attending meetings with inspectors or simply passing on your good wishes – we really do value your support.

As always, if you need to contact school regarding any queries, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher in the first instance or our school office. We will reply to your query as soon as possible.

Mrs Swift Head Teacher

Class Worship Dates Spring Term 2018

Please find below a list of Class Worship dates for the Spring Term. We look forward to seeing you in school to worship alongside our children. Worship starts at 9.15am.

1 st March	Y4 Indigo
8 th March	Y3 Crimson
15 th March	Y3 Emerald
22 nd March	Y2 Orange

Spring Term dates for your diary

Thursday 1 st March	World Book Day- please see letter
Thursday 1 st March	Y5 theatre visit
Tuesday 6 th March	Parent Consultation meetings
Thursday 8 th March	Parent Consultation meetings
14 th -16 th March	Y6 Robinwood Residential
Thursday 22 nd March	Y3 visit to Botanical Gardens, Durham
Friday 23 rd March	Sport Relief – details to follow
Thursday 29 th March	School closes for Easter break
Monday 16 th April	PDDay – school closed for children
Tuesday 17 th April	School re-opens for summer term

Please continue to look out for texts and Facebook notifications of other events in school.

Uniform reminder

A reminder that we expect children to wear our school uniform when in school. We are really looking to “smarten up” our school uniform and appearance of our children and therefore kindly request that children do not wear large hair bows or large headbands (including those with “ears”) to school.

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring our children look smart when they attend school, Mrs Swift.

School Council visit to nursery



Earlier this month our School Council enjoyed a visit to our Nursery. During the afternoon they enjoyed working with our youngest children in school and sharing some of their skills. It was a “trip down Memory Lane” for many of our School Council members who had attended our nursery. Thank you to Mrs Du Bruyn who organised the event.

The Darwin £10 note is almost extinct

The Bank of England will withdraw legal tender status of the paper £10 note featuring Charles Darwin at 23:59 on Thursday 1st March 2018. This means that 1st March is the last day people can spend their paper £10 notes.

Please note that from 1st March school can no longer accept the paper £10 note featuring Charles Darwin.

Dogs

A reminder that dogs should not be brought onto our school site at **any** time. Also when children are coming to school or leaving school at the end of the day we ask that dog owners act responsibly and ensure that they allow children and adults to pass safely past their dog. We have had a number of concerned adults contact school recently about the number of owners who stand in the middle of paths when collecting and dropping off children from and to school- please be considerate of our school community if you bring your child to school with a dog – thank you.

Safeguarding update

Please find below a link to the Digital 5 a day website. The Digital 5 A Day provides a simple framework that reflects the concerns of parents/ carers as well as children’s behaviours and needs. It can also act as a base for family agreements about internet and digital device use throughout both the holidays and term time. Based on the NHS’s evidence-based ‘Five steps to better mental wellbeing’, the 5 A Day campaign gives children and parents easy to follow, practical steps to achieve a healthy and balanced digital diet.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/2017/08/06/digital-5-a-day>



Safeguarding our children is everyone’s responsibility.

Parking near school

Please remember to park considerately when dropping off and collecting children from school – be considerate to other road users, our neighbours and most importantly our children who are our main priority. Our Governing Body is looking into the issue of car parking and is hoping to find ways to ease the situation. In the meantime please remember that our staff car park should NOT be used when dropping off and collecting children to and from school.

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Recent Sporting events and successes

Our Year 5 children participated in a cluster Netball competition earlier this month. They all took part in a number of matches against other schools and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. As well as this, 6 children from Year 3 and 4 represented our school in a Gymnastics competition. They performed routines and were a credit to our school.

Mrs Atkinson PE Subject Leader

Simply Flowers Upsall Grove

Just a reminder that we have a special offer with Simply Flowers on Upsall Grove. If parents, carers, family members and friends quote our code (HTR0014) when ordering flowers from Simply Flowers, 10% of the order will be donated to school. Thank you.



School Website

At their next meeting Governors are considering changing the layout of our website to make it easier for parents and carers to navigate. We would also like our website to be a better way of communicating with parents. Further information to follow.....

Attendance Report

Please find below attendance to date (this academic year) for every class in school. We have an attendance target of 96%. It is so important that your child is in school every day. On Friday 23rd February we are having an Attendance Review led by the Attendance and Safeguarding Team from Stockton LA. This may lead to changes in procedures and policy which Governors will consider at their next meeting. I will keep you informed of any changes as soon as they are adopted, Mrs Swift.

Group	Presents	AEA	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Possible	% Attend
FS1 Rainbow AM	90.3	0.0	6.6	3.1	100.0	90.3
FS1 Rainbow PM	94.9	0.0	4.6	0.5	100.0	94.9
FS2 Blue	96.8	0.0	2.4	0.8	100.0	96.8
FS2 Yellow	96.6	0.0	3.1	0.3	100.0	96.6
Y1 Green	95.8	0.5	2.8	0.9	100.0	96.3
Y1 Red	95.9	0.5	2.5	1.1	100.0	96.3
Y2 Orange	96.5	0.0	2.1	1.4	100.0	96.5
Y2 Purple	96.7	0.0	2.2	1.1	100.0	96.7
Y3 Crimson	95.8	0.2	3.1	0.9	100.0	96.0
Y3 Emerald	94.8	0.3	3.8	1.1	100.0	95.2
Y4 Azure	95.8	0.3	3.4	0.6	100.0	96.1
Y4 Indigo	95.8	0.3	2.9	1.0	100.0	96.1
Y5 Moonstone	96.5	0.4	2.3	0.8	100.0	96.9
Y5 Tangerine	94.6	0.2	3.8	1.5	100.0	94.7
Y6 Lavender	94.8	0.9	3.4	0.9	100.0	95.7
Y6 Magenta	93.7	0.8	4.4	1.0	100.0	94.5
Totals	95.6	0.3	3.1	1.0	100.0	95.8

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Every Day Counts!

National figures show that children who attend school regularly are more confident socially and achieve higher standards across all areas.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

A child who is absent one day per week misses an equivalent of **two years** of their school life.

Being late adds up to a loss of learning.

A child who is late by 10 minutes everyday will miss **30 hours** of school time that year.

The **attendance** rate is important because students are more likely to succeed when they attend **school** consistently.

Last years attendance was 95.7%

Let's try and make it better this year!

How many days off does it take to drop below 100%?

98% = 4 days absence a year

97% = 6 days absence a year

96% = 8 days absence a year



There are 175 non-school days each year. This gives you plenty of time to:

- ◆ Spend time with friends and family
- ◆ Go on holiday
- ◆ Have medical appointments

There is no entitlement to holidays in term time. Please endeavour to book any holidays outside of term time. If possible, please book any medical or dental appointments outside of school hours.

If you take two weeks holiday in term time your child's attendance will automatically be reduced to less than 95% and this is without sickness.

Two weeks holiday each year in primary school means a total of 14 weeks teaching time missed during your child's primary school life – this could have a real impact on your child's basic literacy and numeracy skills.



Eggshibition
Preston Park Museum
20th March- 15th April 2018

We have the opportunity to take part in Preston Park Museum's Easter 'Eggshibition'. As a school we have been given 100 polystyrene eggs, that's 50 for each site. If your child is interested in taking part please visit their site office (Rosehill for EYFS/KS1 or Trinity for KS2). Please remember that the eggs are limited and that they come on a first come, first serve basis. The eggs are to be completed at home and returned to school by Friday 9th March so that they can be taken to the Museum. There are some guidelines attached which also includes information about the Eggshibition.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of your spectacular creations.

Miss Goodchild
Art Coordinator

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