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General Notices

School Uniform

Please ensure your child is dressed in school uniform every day, with the exception of their PE days when they should come to school in their PE kit. Please go to the following website to buy more school uniform.

.com/

School Dinners

School dinners are £14 per week for children in nursery and Years 3 to 6. Please pay for your child's dinner on ParentPay.

Dates

22.10.21 McMillian Coffee Afternoon

25.10.21-29.10.21 half Term

01.11.21 Inset Day (No school)

19.11.21 Flu Vaccine

19.11.21 Christmas Card Deadline

19.11.21 Children in Need

10.12.21 Christmas Jumper Day

16.12.21 Last Day before Christmas

05.01.22 Children return to school

A Note from Mrs Goold

Dear Parents/Carers

What an amazing first half term we have had. It has been so lovely watching how well our pupils have settled back into school life. It is a joy to walk around and see so many smiling children excited to be learning something new. I cannot wait to see what else our pupils will get up to in the remainder of this year. This year, I have asked all the year groups to write a summary of what the children have been up to so I hope you enjoy sharing a little of our learning journey with us each half term. Regarding the school timings, I am making a slight adjustment to the start times.

- -Years Reception, 5 and 6 will continue to arrive at 8:55 for a 9am start.
- -Years 1,2,3 and 4 will now arrive at 9:00 for a 9:05 start. (5minutes earlier than before)

A reminder that staff will come down a few minutes earlier to ensure that children are in and starting school at the given start times. The end of school times remain the same.

We will also be starting our class assemblies again after half term so keep a look out on parent pay for when your child's class will be presenting their assembly. For now these assemblies will remain on Zoom. I am hopeful that in the new year we will be able to hold these in person again.

https://www.mandsyourschooluniform | also would like to remind those parents of KS2 children that we want to instill independence in our pupils and so a gentle reminder that we request KS2 parents do not stand in the playground and instead drop their children off at the gate.

Thank you so much to those of you who have already donated to our GoFundMe page, which is raising money to replace our stolen minibus. Our Pupil Parliament (school council) and Parent club are continuing to organise more fundraising events so do keep your eyes peeled. I wish you all a lovely October half term break and look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 2nd November.

Kind regards

Mrs Goold Acting Headteacher



A Message from Mrs Steele

I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing everyone back in school and excited children telling me about their wonderful learning. The highlight of the term for me (other than nearly winning the lunch time Hula Hoop competition) has been working with our new Pupil Parliament, who have already raised £875 towards replacing our stolen mini bus by arranging an own clothes day. A huge thank you to everyone who supported the event and I hope we can count on the same level of support as we continue through the school year. Have a restful half term and I look forward to seeing you all re-energised for next term.

A Message from Mr Turner-Wing

It has been fantastic to visit classes this half term and see the high standards of learning and behaviour consistently on display. I have particularly enjoyed seeing so many of the children making use of our new school library and coming along to visit my office with work inspired from the stories they had enjoyed reading. I want to take this opportunity to thank Parents/Carers for their commitment to their child's learning and progress, which makes such a difference to the outcomes we see in the classroom. Thank you to all those who have donated and shared our Gofundme fundraiser, every £1 raised helps us to reach our target. Visit our Facebook or Twitter pages for more information.

I also wish to give a special mention to our Parentclub Group, who do so much to support the school, including fundraising for us to make sure that we have the very best resources available to support your children. If you wish to become involved with the Parentclub, they would love to hear from you. Please contact; cmparentsclub@gmail.com or come and talk to the school office who will be able to put you in touch. If you find yourself needing any support over the half term break, please do visit our safeguarding pages at; care.

Please enjoy a safe and restful half term break.

Harvest

Thank you so much to everyone who generously donated to this year's Harvest. We were able to contribute a vast number of items to the Manna Society, an organisation that supports the homeless. This is much appreciated.

Inset Day

Please note that Monday 1st November is an Inset day and therefore there will be no school for children. The children will return to school on Tuesday 2nd November.

Absence

When calling the absence line please give a specific reason for your child's absence. Please do not say unwell as we are not able to authorise this. Thank you.



McMillan Coffee Afternoon

LET'S BREW

We will be hosting a coffee afternoon to raise money for the McMillan Charity. This charity provides vital support those who are diagnosed with cancer and their families. The coffee afternoon will take place on Friday 22nd October at 2:30pm in the Dinner centre. If you are able to donate any cakes please collect a form from the school office.

Afterschool Clubs

After school enrichment clubs will commence the week of the 2nd November. All clubs finish at 4:30pm promptly. You will be able to sign your children up for clubs on Thursday 21st October after 1pm via ParentPay.

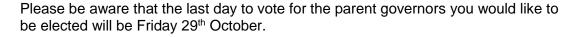
P.E T-Shirts

A gentle reminder that your child should be wearing the colour of P.E T-Shirt that they were assigned when starting the school. This colour remains for the duration of their time here. The colour of the T-Shirt signifies which house your child belongs to. The house colours are Blue, Green, Red and Yellow. This is used for Sports day as well as Gotcha winners.

Weather

With the winter drawing near please ensure that your child brings a coat to school every day. On colder days please provide a hat, scarf and gloves for your child. Please ensure your child is wearing suitable footwear. For your child's safety please do not send your child in welly boots.

Parent Governors Vote





Parking

Please be considerate when parking at the start and end of the day. Neighbours have complained that several parents are parking across their drives, double parking as well as blocking one-way roads. This is not only frustrating for our neighbours but can be dangerous.



Nursery

Green class have loved learning about ourselves and our family this term. We have also looked at our houses and the different foods we like and don't like to eat.

Green class have also had a lovely time in the library exploring our love of books and reading stories to each other.

Robyn "I like to read with Theo"

Faraj "I like to read the book on the bean bag"



Reception

In Reception we have been learning about Ourselves.

We had fun making pizza faces and testing strength and balance of our bodies when engaging in exercise.

We visited our school's Secret Garden to look for the signs of Autumn. We made our own collections of colourful Autumn leaves.







Year 1

The children have settled really well into Year 1. We made a swashbuckling start to the term with a mini-topic on Pirates. Here, the children completed a range of fun activities, such as painting 'wanted' posters, making boats and using maps to go on a treasure hunt.

Mia – "My favourite part was when we were learning about pirates."

In History, we have been studying the lives of real everyday heroes such as Mary Seacole, Rosa Parks and Louis Braille. In Art, we looked at superhero logos and made paper lanterns. We also made large-scale collaborative collages of superheroes.





Year 2

We have had a fantastic start to the year in Year 2. Our topic for this half term was The Great Fire of London, which we've used to inspire our writing by producing a newspaper report and a diary entry. We have visited the kitchen four times with lessons inspiring our use of expanded noun phrases in English, exploring materials in the kitchen for Science, learning cockney rhyming slang whilst cooking pie, mash and liquor and finally baking bread linking back to the bakery where the fire started in Pudding Lane. In Maths, we've spent time deepening our understanding of place value which will give us a great foundation moving forward in all other aspects of mathematics. The children have also been preparing for the phonics screening assessment that will take place next half term.

Lacey, 2H 'I like to learn new stuff like The Great Fire of London and phonics.'

Eric, 2K 'I liked learning maths and also the handwriting.'







Year 3

This term year 3 has been hard at work being revolting. They have used the Revolting Recipes by Roald Dahl to influence their writing, art and cooking. The children created some 3D art work around their revolting smoothie recipes. They wrote narratives in the style of Roald Dahl about people who were poisoned by the smoothies. In cooking, the children made 2 different revolting recipes which had the unfortunate consequences of turning Mr. Shelley into a frog and Mrs. Goold into a chicken. These incidences were then investigated and the children became investigative reporters to document what they discovered.





Year 4

The term has been very busy for Year 4. Alice in Wonderland has been our focus. The children have written setting and character descriptions, as well as studied Lewis Carroll's Jabberwocky. The term will end with a Mad Hatter Tea Party to celebrate all the hard work the children have done which we are thoroughly looking forward to! Reasoning, problem solving and collaboration has been at the heart of our learning in Maths with the children applying all the skills and knowledge they have learnt over the last couple of weeks. A great start to the Year!







Year 5

What a whirlwind of a term! Year 5 have been busy learning about chocolate; where it is grown, how it is harvested and even had a go at turning cacao beans into pure chocolate. It was very bitter! We have been reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and invented our own horrible character to win a golden ticket. The newspaper reports of the visiting day have shown Wonka to be wicked or generous, depending on your point of view. Science has been all about the experiments, learning how to separate materials as well as testing theories on the effects of temperature on dissolving materials in water. Math's has seen us working on our place value knowledge, times tables, charts and graphs as well as using the bar model to help solve problems. We definitely need a rest after all this learning!





Year 6

This term, Year 6 have been studying a book called The Island, which explores themes such as xenophobia, refugees and human rights. We have also been learning about land use in geography, including the impact of farming on the environment. This involved us making meat, vegetarian and even insect burgers so that we could compare their environmental impact and decide if we were willing to sacrifice flavour in the name of saving the planet!

Sachin, 6L: "I really liked the insect burgers; I think I will go to Sainsbury's and try some!"



