



Newsletter

RED NOSE DAY FRIDAY MARCH 24th

March 2017

Attendance

Please can parents ensure that their children are in school on time. Children need to be in school for 8.55 and ready to start their lessons.

Headteacher

Once again we have a packed term. This month we will be inviting Parents in, to come and see the children perform in the 'Arts Week'. **Tuesday 28th March**. In Year 3&4 we are asking Parents to come and help your children with an Arts day on **Tuesday 21st March** and during the last week before Easter, it will be parents evening for KS2 (Year 3,4,5&6) Hopefully there will be lots of opportunities for parents to work in partnership with the school, Many Thanks ,

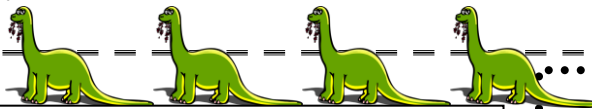
Mrs K Charlton

Class 11

Class 11 have started the second half of the Spring term with great enthusiasm. We've learned about 2D shapes and made spectacular modern art pieces with triangles.

We've been digging deep into the facts and 'fizzles' about dinosaurs and learnt all about the pushes and pulls of forces. I guess you could say it's been forces, facts and 'fizzles!' It's just about having fun while learning.

Do ask your children what they have been learning about and when they tell you say, 'Wow! I never knew that.' It makes them feel so special to think they have something to teach their parents.



School Closes on Friday March 31st at 3.15pm and re-opens on Tuesday 18th March



Dads , Me and Tea

Next Dads, me and tea is on **Thursday 23rd March**, remember to book your place.

All Welcome .

Our **Mother's Day event** is on **Friday 24th March** and there are 2 sessions available. 9.00-11.30am and 1.30-3.00pm, look out for the flyers and sign up.



PE

Class 12 have enjoyed their first few swimming lessons and are really starting to make some good progress already! Children have been attempting a variety of activities, including swimming with flotation devices, attempting different strokes and generally becoming water confident.

Mr Simpson has been teaching PE to class 12 on a Thursday afternoon and has been playing team games.

Keep up the good work and excellent effort!



Family Support Officers

Please remember that Mrs Carroll and Miss Crayton, our family liaison officers within school, are here to support both parents/carers and the children. We can offer a wide range of support and referrals to other services, which may be required for adults as well as children.

Class 4



We have had a great start to this half term. We have had a fruit tasting sessions in class to kick off our new topic 'Growth and Green Fingers', all of the children are very intrigued. Also, we have planted some seeds which will hopefully provide some vegetables and herbs next term.

Class 4 have been enjoying writing instructions in English and soon we will be focusing on a new story by Oliver Jeffers (Miss Henderson's favourite author).

Thank you for all your support with spellings at home, it is showing in the spellings tests each Friday. More and more of class 4 are receiving spelling champion cards for getting every one of their spellings correct. Hurray!

PE

Class 4 has had a terrific term taking part in a variety of sports. They have been performing individual and pairs balances in gymnastics and will be now transferring their ideas onto the equipment. They have also been doing Hockey lessons learning how to dribble, push and pass to a partner.

Early Years

If you have placed your child's name on the waiting list for September then you should have received a letter inviting you in to Nursery at some point during the next few weeks. If you have not received a letter then please ask at the office or call at the Nursery to see Mrs Gordon.

If you would like a Nursery place in September for your child but did not place their name on the waiting list, then please do so, as soon as possible because our Nursery fills up very quickly.

Car Park Update

At peak times our school car park is extremely chaotic. Cars and taxis are parking up, causing a hazard to children and blocking other cars in. The car park was designed 10 years ago when the school was much smaller. By 2018 we will have approximately 690 children at the school and over 120 school staff. We also have Health Visitors, Sure Start and Crèche & Co staff based on the school site.

Following a health and safety car park inspection and some near misses where children were nearly hurt, the School and Local Authority have made the decision to install barriers to the small staff car park at the front of the school and also to the larger, recently extended car park to the side of the school. **Therefore, as from Monday 20th March, we are asking parents not to enter the school car park at peak times.** The car park will only be accessible for staff.

I understand that this may cause increased inconvenience in the short term, however, due to the size of the school and the number of staff now employed across the site we are no longer able to accommodate any parent parking.

To minimize any issues, staff will be patrolling these areas once the barriers are installed at peak drop off and collection times.

Could we please ask parents to refrain from entering the school grounds in vehicles and taxis unless they are disabled badge holders or need to drop children off at Surestart and Creche & Co.

School access

As from Monday 13th March parents will be able to access the school grounds via the pathway adjacent to the car park extension at during drop off and collection times.