



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the final week of term, I want to make you fully aware of how hard the children have worked this past week on their tests and Spring Term assessments; very impressive indeed! You will have an opportunity after the spring break to know how well the children have done, either by a written report coming to you in May, or through Parent Consultation discussions for pupils in Year 2 and Year 6. Further information will come out to you about this after Easter so do please keep an eye on all of the information coming home.

We need your views please: I have taken many opportunities to make clear to all parents that your views and opinions and thoughts on aspects of our school is very, very important. This is because educating your children is about having a really good partnership between home and school. Without this, little can get properly achieved. So, key to this is both home and school being able to know and understand the views and opinions of each and we try to do this at every opportunity. As I have said before, OFSTED are also very keen to know your views too; it really matters to them and us. So please may I ask you to take the time to go online and complete the ParentView survey, which is completely anonymous from the school perspective. The questions there are easy to respond to but the information crucial to us. All you need to do is to go onto the OFSTED Parent View website and follow the simple instructions there.

We would also love to see more of you at the informal "Meet the Principal" meetings, the next one of which will be on Tuesday 2nd May at 8.45am. This is a very informal discussion, led by parent questions; do please come if you can.

Two further requests: Please could I ask that Parents ensure that they are able to come onto the school site observing the expectations

of mutual respect we have in place. The use of bad language, shouting and any form of abusive behaviour towards members of staff or other parents will not be tolerated, as I am sure you will appreciate. Thank you.

Finally, please ensure your children are in school on time. Last week was not a good week for this as there were too many children late into school. Please ensure this improves and if there is anything we can do to support you with this then do please let us know. Thank you.

Nursery

Our children who are going to Reception this year will be going out on a trip to Baffins Pond Community Association Garden & pond to look at plants & wildlife.

We will be continuing to make our Easter cards. We will be making Easter nests, focusing on the way ingredients change when they are heated. We are hoping the Easter Bunny makes a visit to us & leaves us some Easter eggs so we can have an Easter egg hunt. Happy Easter everyone, enjoy the warmer weather.

Reception

You may notice our new "Weekend Wow" boards in the Year R classrooms. This is your chance to tell us about anything interesting or amazing your child as done at home over the weekend (or at any time!) It's really useful for us, as teachers, to get an all-round view of each child and finding out about what they get up to in their own time will help us out with this. We will send home cards for you to jot anything on and send back but there will also be a stock of cards next to the boards if you want to fill one out when you are dropping off your child at school.

We look forward to hearing about all of the incredible things that your children get up to!

Year 1

Next week, Year 1 will be concluding their topic on Plants and Trees and will be learning all about how plants get their food from leaves and roots. It would be helpful for children to have the opportunity look at different trees and their leaves.

This half term, Year 1 have been learning all about Easter and why we celebrate this. We have learnt about the Easter story and have tasted pancakes and hot cross buns. Next week, we will be concluding this topic with some final celebrations including decorating Easter eggs.

Please remember that the Easter bonnet parade is next week, so please ensure that this is in school on time.

Year 2

Year 2 have had a wonderful week writing persuasive letters. Watch out for their letter home to YOU on Friday with a very special invitation. Advance warning: next Thursday, 6th April at 2.15, you will be invited to join your child to help them construct their fruit and vegetable face pictures, as inspired by Archimboldo. Donations of any fruit or vegetables that you can chop up with the children - these could be almost at the end of their shelf life, we don't mind- are most welcomed.

Easter bonnet parade will be taking place next Friday, too.

Year 3

Next week Year 3 are continuing with their Maths unit on fractions, the children have been very enthusiastic with this so far and we are looking forward to developing our learning further. In Literacy the children will be writing a non-chronological report on their own animal creations. We are very excited at the idea of creating our own species by using all of the facts we have learnt this week on various wild creatures. We will be participating in Easter crafts and activities alongside learning the Easter story in RE.

Year 4

This week in Literacy, children have been learning about the Japanese form of poetry, Haiku's. The children have really enjoyed the start of this two week topic and are looking forward to creating their own next week.

In numeracy we have been working hard on our division skills and we are progressing nicely. This has been another half term of hard work with children really calling on their own resilience and they are doing an AMAZING job.

Keep working hard at home with the homework booklets and encourage your child to read to you each evening. Thank you for your continued support.

Year 5

Next week in Year 5, we will be writing our explanation texts. Keep practicing that handwriting at home! We are looking for beautifully joined and clear letters that can be displayed in the school.

In maths, we will going back over some tricky maths topics from earlier in the year to make sure these are secure. The tests last week showed that as a year group, our maths is really strong. Our focus for the next term will be answering questions about what we have read - so make sure you are reading a variety of text types at home as often as possible.

Year 6

Wow! This week we have had a lot to celebrate in year 6; your recent test results reflect how hard you have been working. We hope you are as proud of yourselves as we are of you.

Next week, we will be looking at poems and revisiting Shakespeare by looking at a play script of Macbeth. In literacy, Miss Coombs' group will be planning, writing and editing writing of our own choice to show off what we have learnt so far this term. Miss Griffiths' group will be writing, editing and improving a short story that they will create based on The Boy in Striped Pyjamas. Mr Brotherton's group will continue to look at The Boy in the Tower

and will look more closely at how the author has developed the characters. In maths, we will be taking a revision week to recap and extend our learning so far this term.

Unfortunately, this Friday we say goodbye to our PE coach Chris as he is leaving to go travelling. We will really miss him but we wish him well on his travels and hope that he sends us a few postcards from some exotic places!

Please remember to send back your Easter school letters ASAP. If you need a new copy, please ask your class teacher.

Dates for your diary

7th April – Easter Bonnet Parade

7th April – Break up for Easter Holiday

24th April – Inset Day

25th April – Back to school

1st May – Bank holiday

26th May – Break up for half term

Attendance

Winners

Well done to all our Attendance winners this week: Edison class, Nelson class & Dahl Class

Also well done to Potter class, Nelson class & Travers class for the least amount of lates this week.