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Thursday 17th February 2022

We have made it to the end of term, well the children have, myself and my staff will be in school tomorrow for training.

The children have worked extremely hard this term and this is reflected in the progress they have made in their learning. We have seen some excellent examples of work across the classes and the curriculum and I do believe the children have enjoyed some quality learning. After working hard the children are ready for a week of fun and relaxing to recharge their batteries ready for another exciting half term ahead.

My staff are looking forward to meeting you early next term to discuss your child's learning. Please see the information below.

Unfortunately a significant number of children and a couple of members of our staff team have been poorly this week. We wish them all a speedy recovery and hope they are able to enjoy the half term break.

Mother's day lunch and a crafting activity

This is being offered throughout the week 21st- 25th March and there are up to twenty-five places per day. It is available to children in Reception to Year 6 and we will be offering an alternative activity for **Sunflowers** during the mornings of **Thursday 24th and Friday 25th** March. Information will be shared after half term.

Links for booking the lunch

MONDAY 21st MARCH

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfIWqd0md83YFvHOKARRQXVEgW126SR7zzRwjuaAMhmJaGWcw/viewform?usp=sf_link

TUESDAY 22nd MARCH

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WEDNESDAY 23rd MARCH

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THURSDAY 24th MARCH

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FRIDAY 25th MARCH

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Book fair

We are hoping to have access to a Book Fair from Usborne books during World Book Day on Thursday 3.3.22 . The children will be able to use their £1 WBD book voucher towards any purchase if they so wish. More information on the 28.2.22.

Bedtime Storytime

On Thursday 3.3.22 we will be hosting a bedtime storytime between 4pm-5.30pm. Children will be invited to come back to school in their PJs, if they so wish, to enjoy some bedtime stories delivered by members of staff. They will also receive a hot chocolate and a biscuit during the session. We will circulate booking forms for the event on Monday 28th February.

Lunchtime clubs

We will be running a couple of lunch time clubs after half term. Details will be circulated shortly .

Parent consultation evenings

Please sign up for our in person parent consultation evening. The links have been sent to you. If you have not received the link or are unable to access the form to book an appointment please do contact the school and we can arrange an appointment for you. Also if the dates are not convenient for you, please do let us know and we will find a mutually convenient time to meet with you.

We need

Buttons - We need buttons for the first week for an art project one of the classes will be completing. If you have any spare buttons you could donate to school we would be really grateful.

Pots and pans and metal spoons - If you have any old metal pots and pans, spoons etc or indeed anything natural the children could make music with (ie noise) we would love them to find a new home with us.

Jigsaws - If you have any complete jigsaw puzzles suitable for our younger children- up to 50 pieces and large pieces, we would love to receive your donations.

Many thanks.

School Meals

Please can we ask you to pre order your child's school dinner on Parentpay? . We have this system in place to support your child to choose a school dinner they are going to enjoy. The choice can be done up to 3 weeks in advance and up to 8am on the day of the meal. Our younger children especially find it difficult to make a choice from the pictures during school registration in the morning and whilst the adults in the classroom are available to help, unlike you, we do not know what your child does or does not like.

If you need any help with accessing the meal selector on ParentPay please speak to your child's class teacher or the school office.

By choosing your child's school meal it means we can confidently encourage them to eat what

they have chosen as we know it is something they like and also, as the register can take quite a while if children haven't pre chosen their meal, we have more time for learning. Many thanks.

Numbots and Times Tables Rock Stars

We are delighted that so many children have accessed these programmes and are enjoying them as part of their learning. The programmes will support your child's mathematical learning and are very engaging. With both programmes it is better your child accesses it for short bursts of time frequently rather than playing it for an hour a week. Any support and encouragement you can offer your child to practise their mathematical skills on either programme, will have an impact on their learning. If you experience any issues logging into the programme please speak to your child's class teacher or contact the office. We do monitor the children's progress on the programme and support can be offered in school if they are struggling with any aspects of the programme.

White Rose Maths 1-One Minute Maths App

This first version of the app is aimed at Key Stage 1 pupils, and focuses on adding and subtracting – and on 'Subitising'. The free mobile app is available for Apple/iOS, Android and Kindle. Your child can choose any topic they want to try. They then answer a unique series of questions (so it's a different set of questions every time). If they're struggling with a question, a 'Hint' button will give a helpful clue by showing the question in a different but familiar way.

When the one minute's up, they'll see a feedback screen telling them how they've done.

Check out these 7 top reasons for using 1-Minute Maths!

1. Excellent practice – and no distractions.
2. A clear, intuitive process that children pick up straight away.
3. No login or internet access needed. Just download and play.
4. Enjoyable and motivating... How many can they get correct in one minute?
5. Helpful hints match those used in class.
6. Brilliant for building number fluency and confidence.
7. It's **FREE**!

<https://whiterosemaths.com/1-minute-maths#download>

Covid 19

Unfortunately the number of children with Covid 19 within our school community has risen significantly this week and wish everyone a speedy recovery. It is really important that we continue to be vigilant in relation to our routines to keep everyone as safe as possible. Thank you for your cooperation with this. If you have a positive case in your household, please inform the school. Your child can continue to attend school however they need to undertake a daily LFT which needs to remain negative. If your child shows any signs of the covid virus (**A new, continuous cough, or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell**) or are indeed just unwell, we would suggest they undertake an LFT.

I will update you if this information changes following any of the Government briefings over the next week.



STARS OF THE WEEK

Sunflowers - Henry

Daffodils - Louie

Roses - Oliver

Tulips - Nula

Lilies - Katie

STARS OF THE HALF TERM

Sunflowers - Grayson

Daffodils - Henry C

Roses - Evie

Tulips - Bridie

Lilies - Mia



Stars of the week



Stars of the half term



Houses

The winning House this week is **Marsh**

The winning house of the term is **Hawthorne**

Running Track

If any members of our local community would like to use our running track as part of their fitness regime it is available between **7-8am** and between **5-6pm. Monday - Friday**. There will be no access to any other part of school during this time and people who use the track do so at their own risk. If you wish to bring your children to join you during these times, **however this is at your own risk and children (under 18) must be accompanied by an adult**

If you are interested in using the facility during these times, please contact the school and this can be arranged.

Wrap around care

Thank you to those who have completed the form. We have collected the current data and we will be contacting those that have responded for a little more detail. We are meeting with an external provider early next half term and will keep you updated on the outcome.

The form remains active so please fill it in if you haven't done so and may need wrap around

care in the foreseeable future, <https://forms.gle/ozL9Zqnrs3Zno9ku7>

Appointments during school hours.

We do appreciate it is sometimes impossible to arrange appointments for your child outside of school hours. If at all possible however, please can you continue to arrange them during the holidays or at the beginning or end of the school day so it minimises the lost learning time for your child.

If your child has an appointment that means you are taking them out during school time, please may we have sight of the appointment card or letter/email inviting them to that appointment? This can either be shared with your child's class teacher or with the school office.

Occasionally we also have children leaving school early as they need to accompany their parent/s to appointments. Again if we could ask for sight of the invitation to this appointment we would be grateful as this allows us to keep all our absence records in order.

Attendance

Please continue to ensure that your child comes to school everyday that they possibly can.

We are working extremely hard to enable all the children to not be disadvantaged by their lost learning due to the issues over the last 18 months and therefore they need to be here, in school, for us to be able to support them to be the best they can be .

Please can I remind everyone to inform us promptly if your child is absent from school, we do need a message via telephone or email as early as possible, by 9.30 am at the latest, however sooner is preferable. If we do not hear from you we have a duty of care to make contact to establish where your child is. We will keep ringing you until we get a reply. If we don't get a reply we could have to report your child as a missing child.

We know this is sometimes difficult but whenever possible please try and make any appointments outside of school hours, or at the beginning or end of the school day.

Attendance this week (Friday- Thursday)

Unfortunately not great again. As mentioned we do have a significant number of children who are off school because they are ill or have medical appointments, **however we do have some unauthorized absences too.**

We need children to be in school everyday they possibly can please.

Lilies 97.16% Tulips 96.25% Roses 75.43% Daffodils 87.5% Overall 89.19-%

Free School Meals

If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals please do contact the school for further information on how to check your eligibility and apply. Even if your child is in KS1 and is currently receiving a universal free school meal, if you are eligible for FSM it is really important that you apply, as there are still additional benefits for your child,

Dates for the Diary

Friday 18th February - Inset day - School closed for children

Monday 21st- Friday 25th - February half term holiday.

Monday 28th February - School reopens

Monday 28th Feb- 4th March - World Book Week

We will all be focusing on the picture book 'The Invisible' by Tom Percival throughout the week. We are planning exciting learning activities across the curriculum linked to the book, including well-being activities. **We are not dressing up this year.**

Thursday 3rd March - Tulips class trip Murton Park - Investigating Life in Roman times.
(9.15-3.45pm)

Thursday 3rd March - Usborne Book Fair - Details after half term.

Thursday 3rd March 4pm -5.30pm Bedtime stories with hot chocolate - booking forms home on Monday 28th February

Tuesday 8th March and Wed 9th March - Parent consultations (in person) Please follow the links sent home to book your appointment

Monday 14th March - Class photographs

Friday 18th March -Comic Relief Day -Red noses on sale - Further details soon

Week commencing 21st March (daily) - Daily Mother's day lunch and crafting - Please book your place via the link shared earlier in the week.

Monday 28th March - Roses' Class trip - Ledston Estate (Details after half term)

Friday 1st April - Daffodils' Class trip - Ledston Estate (Details after half term)

Friday 8th April - School closes for the Easter holiday until **Monday 25th April**

Friday 20th May - Daffodils' Class Assembly -9am Parents welcome

Friday 1st July - Roses' Class Assembly - 9am Parents welcome

*I wish you all a half term full of fun and the making of special memories.
Please rest and recover, as everyone has worked extremely hard this term.*

Take care, kind regards

Helen Humphrys Headteacher.



"February is the
border between
winter and spring."
— Terri Guillemets

