



THE ACORN NEWSLETTER

Mighty oaks from little acorns grow

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Dear Parents and Carers

Over the last couple of weeks, we have welcomed lots of visitors into school. This has included governors of the school, who have been coming in to work alongside our subject leaders to look at learning in different subjects. In addition, our SEP (School Excellence Partner) has also visited the school to look at the work we are doing in writing. All visitors have been very impressed with the quality of work that they have seen.

The positive impact of our new phonics scheme, Little Wandle, has been particularly noted to be improving both reading and writing standards in the lower school. As we are now halfway through the second year of embedding this new scheme, we are starting to see the impact in Lower Key Stage 2. Thank you to all staff and families for their ongoing hard work and support.

We are now looking at how we can further improve handwriting and presentation.

Yours sincerely
Holly Marchand
Headteacher

Y3/4 Share Afternoon

On the afternoon of Monday 26th January, we invited parents and grandparents to join the Y3/4 children in completing their Design & Technology projects. For our projects, we created either a purse, pencil case or glasses case. It was a really lovely afternoon and the final products look fantastic. Thank you to our parents and families for supporting this event.



English Superheroes

On Monday 26th January, the Y3/4 children had some exciting visitors in their English lesson. In line with the superhero narrative we are planning this half term, Powerful Punctuation, Grammar Girl and Ferocious Full Stops entered the building, and helped save the sentence structures!



Y1/2 PE Festival



On Tuesday 27th January, 12 children from KS1 attended a PE/Healthy Eating Festival at Adventure Island. The children all made the absolute most of every activity and had a fantastic time exploring the challenges. The children were super representatives of our school.

Food Alert

Huge congratulations to Jennie Mathews and her team in the school kitchen, for being awarded Double Gold in their recent Food Alert audit, and a 5 star hygiene rating in a recent unannounced food hygiene audit.

The Squirrels breakfast and after school club has also gained a 5 star hygiene rating in recent weeks.

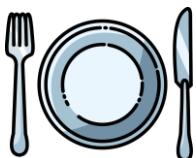


School Lunch Choices

Please may we ask you to talk to your child about their lunch choice for the day, particularly if they have a packed lunch in their bag and might not be aware of it.

Hot meals which are ordered in the morning are prepared by the kitchen and charged for, and the school is currently picking up the charge for meals cancelled at late notice.

If we could work together to avoid this happening in the future, it would be much appreciated.



Y6 SATs

Thank you to the Y6 parents who attended the Y6 SATs information meeting on Monday 19th January. For those of you who were unable to attend, we have emailed out a copy of the presentation slides for your reference.

Diary Dates



Tue 10th Feb
Fri 13th Feb
Fri 13th Feb
Mon 16th Feb
Thu 5th March
Mon 16th Mar
Tue 17th Mar
Thu 19th Mar
Fri 27th March
Fri 27th March
Fri 27th March
Fri 27th March
Mon 13th April
Mon 4th May
W/c 11th May
Fri 15th May
W/c 18th May
Mon 25th May
Mon 8th June
Fri 19th June
Fri 19th June
Fri 19th June
Mon 29th June
Wed 1st July
Tue 7th July
Thu 9th July
Fri 10th July
Fri 10th July
Fri 10th July
Mon 13th July
Fri 17th July
Fri 17th July
Safer Internet Day
FOS Non School Uniform Day
FOS Meeting—1.30/Cake Sale 3.15
Half term week
World Book Day
Parents' Evening
Parents' Evening
Parents' Evening
FOS Meeting—1.30/Cake Sale 3.15
FOS Non School Uniform Day
Visit to Church
Last day of Spring term
First day of Summer term
Bank Holiday
Y6 SATS week
FOS Meeting—1.30
Science week
Half term week
Sports Day
FOS Non School Uniform Day
FOS Cake Sale—3.15
Summer Fete
Reserve Sports Day
Y6 Leavers' Disco
Y6 Production Evening
Y6 Production Evening
Reports out to Parents
FOS Non School Uniform
FOS Meeting—1.30
Y6 Leavers' Assembly (+ Parents)
Visit to Church
Last day of Summer term