

January Newsletter

Happy New Year! Welcome back to a new term. I hope you had a wonderful time celebrating Christmas and New Year- and enjoyed making some wonderful family memories. I'm sure 2025 will be a fabulous year and I look forward to working with you all over the next few months.



Updating contact details

If you have changed your mobile number due to having a new phone for Christmas, or updated emails or changed address, please do ensure the office has all the new details. Please update us with any changes as soon as possible. Thank you. We ideally would like three contacts for every pupil though appreciate this isn't always possible.



Attendance

Congratulations to all the children in Snow Leopard (Mr Constantinou) who have earned themselves a non-uniform day on Friday, 10th January due to having the highest attendance in the second term.



This half term we will be focused on our value '**Ambitious**'. We want everyone to show desire and determination in all they do. We will be focusing our attention on this value through assemblies and looking for the children to show determination when facing new challenges, which is very apt for this time of year as many of us make resolutions in order to make a positive change. This value is also a focus for our behaviour as we are looking for all children to do their best. Children's behaviour and attitudes will be celebrated through awards and Dojo points.



Attendance

School attendance is always impacted at this time of year with coughs, colds and sickness bugs. Hopefully, the two-week break will have allowed children to recover and build up their immunities. Please do send children to school unless they are too unwell and phone the office as soon as possible to ensure our records are updated daily. If you need any support or advice on managing a potential absence for a specific illness, please check the school website where you can find advice under the parents tab. Click on medical information and you will see a guide - 'Should my child go to school?' This shares symptoms and advice on whether a children should be kept at home.



Lunch boxes

Unfortunately, we have noticed a small number of children who are bringing in very sparse or inappropriate lunch box contents. Examples of these include cold chicken nuggets / burgers and chips or multiple doughnuts. If you are struggling with providing food for your child's lunch, please speak to the office who can check your entitlement to Free School Meals. Any conversations will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

The following link may be useful in helping to ensure your child's lunch box is health and nutritious.

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>



Dates for your diary

Please take a note of the following dates. You can also find these on the website calendar and on year group newsletters. We always try to send reminders and provide as much notice as possible for events / changes to plans. These reminders are sent at an appropriate time which may include first thing in the morning, but never late into the evening unless unavoidable. (School closures etc)

6 th January	School re-opens
9 th January	Year 5 WOW Day - Space Planetarium
13 th January	FS2 WOW - Zoolab Visit
14 th January	Year 6 WOW Day - North America
16 th January	Year 3 WOW Day - Egyptians
27 th January	Non-uniform Day for Reading in School
29 th January	FS1 WOW Day
w/b 3 rd February	Children's Mental Health Week
11 th February	Internet Safety Day
6 th February	EYFS Chinese New Year WOW.
14 th February	School Closed - Inset Day
24 th February	School re-opens
6 th March	World Book Day
19 th March	Science Day
w/b 24 th March	Maths Week
2 nd April	Parents Evening 4.00 - 7.00 p.m
3 rd April	Parents Evening 4.00 - 7.00 p.m
4 th April	School Closed - Inset Day
22 nd April	School re-opens.

Thank you for your support as always.

Mrs Dainty