





FRIDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2024

We are really excited to be offering our child care provision from after half term.

Please look at the details and booking links on the final page of the newsletter. Please make sure to secure your child's place as soon as possible!

Mrs Frampton

Online Safety Working Group

This term we will be establishing a working group of staff, parents, children and governors to ensure we are doing all we can to keep children safe online at school and at home. If you would be interested in being part of this group, please send an email to the office address and we will contact you with more details.

Children's Mental Health Week

This is being held 5th to 8th February. We will start the week off with a Dress to Express Day—this is a day for children to show who they are through their clothes.

Staff training—school closed to pupils

On Friday 9th February, teachers will be completing and analysing assessments and starting to write your child's annual report. School will be closed to children on this day.

Young Voices

We had the absolute pleasure to take 33 children to the O2 this week to perform as part of the Young Voices choir. This choir was made up of 9,000 children! The children's behaviour was exemplary and they sang beautifully. There are some photos and videos on our school Facebook and Twitter page if you want to have a look. A big thank you to Mrs Hinz-James for organising the trip and for the adults who came with us.

Number Day

Thank you for your participation in Number Day today. We raised £88 for the NSPCC.

Internet Safety Day

We look forward to welcoming you to classes on Tuesday afternoon to share in some of our learning about keeping safe online. Please sign in at the office on arrival.

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Attendance

Our expectation for attendance is 96% or above.

The school will not authorise leave in term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Holidays are not considered exceptional circumstances and are likely to result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to each parent for each child.

Attendance at the end of this week

Year group	Attendance	National attendance
1	92.0%	94.7%
2	95.1%	95.1%
3	93.0%	95.4%
4	93.7%	95.2%
5	93.0%	95.0%
6	90.2%	95.2%

These figures are well below national expectations (except Y2!). Please ensure your child is in school, on time, every day they can be.

Y6 Tank Museum Trip

Please can you ensure you have completed the consent on Arbor for your child to attend this trip. Unfortunately, if we don't receive enough voluntary contributions we may need to cancel the trip. Thank you.

Chance to shine cricket sessions

We are really pleased that children from Y1-5 will have the opportunity to take part in a weekly cricket coaching session over next half term. There is no charge for these sessions.

Half term

School is closed from 12-16 February. We look forward to seeing you on 19th February at the usual times. Remember you can also book in to our after school provision from 19th.

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After school child care provision

We are really excited to let you know that our after school child care club, run by Premier Education will be starting after half term.

The club will run from the end of the school day until 5.30pm. You can book your child for either

End of day until 5.30 (£9)

https://family.premier-education.com/add-course/875746

End of day until 4.30 (£4)

https://family.premier-education.com/add-course/875743

4.30-5.30 (if your child is going to a sports club at school first) (£5)

https://family.premier-education.com/add-course/875748

Children will have a snack and a drink and take part in a range of activities. The club will be held in the old computing room near the Y5 and 6 gate. Collection is from the outside doors to the room which will be clearly signed.

Booking is essential and children cannot attend the provision without payment being made in advance. Booking can be made until 2pm on the day you need it.

We appreciate the costs are higher than Breakfast Club which is run by the school. The only way we are able to keep costs of Breakfast Club as low as they are is because we receive funding from the National Schools Programme and Waitrose. This funding is only available to school breakfast clubs.

Premier Education do accept childcare vouchers.

Young Voices 2024



Next newsletter—Thursday 8th February

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