

Honesty **Respect** **Confidence** **Responsibility** **Independence** **Ambition**

A message from Mrs Atherton: Your Headteacher

Over the last couple of weeks I have been monitoring punctuality and attendance of our pupils. A polite reminder that the doors open at 8:40am for the children to come into school. The teachers commence their first lesson at 8:45am. If your child arrives after this time they will not join in with the lesson until 9:00am, too much teaching and learning disrupting is occurring with late arrivals. Any work missed will then need to be completed during break or lunch times. As a school we aim for attendance levels of 96.5% and above. If we have persistent absentees or your child is falling significantly below attendance expectations then we will contact you via letter or telephone to obtain the reason for this and to see if we can assist you with increasing their attendance. There will be certain exceptions to this, such as medical conditions that have caused lateness/absence. If you have any queries or concerns relating to this please contact the school office.

I hope you all have a great bank holiday weekend! We will see you all on Tuesday 7th May at 8:40am.

Stars of the Week

Our value focus last week was #Respect. The winners below have clearly demonstrated this to their teachers:

- Emerald: Robin Well done 😊
- Garnet: Charlie parents/carers are
- Sapphire: Edie are invited to the celebration
- Amethyst: Maisie event on Friday 24th May



Help/Volunteers

During the May half term, w/c 27th May, our Caretaker is planning on coming into school to do some maintenance throughout. We would greatly appreciate if anyone can come along and help him! Mr Reynolds will be doing jobs including: external painting (planters, railings, and play equipment), weeding near the poly tunnel which will provide great space for gardening/equipment storage and on Tuesday 28th May will require help lifting a roof onto the wooden pergola. If you feel you could help in any way please contact the school office who can put you in touch with Mr Reynolds.



Diary Dates May 2024

Monday 13th: KS1 optional SATS:W/c– Y2 (*The above is done informally to monitor progress*)
Wednesday 22nd Emerald Class Trip
Friday 24th Celebration event for the star of the week winners **09:00**
Sunday 26th Rose & Crown fundraising event for the school

Diary Dates June 2024

Monday 3rd INSET day
Friday 7th Sapphire class trip
W/c 10th Phonics assessment week
W/c 10th MTC times table test week
Friday 14th: Summer fayre 15:30-18:00
Saturday 15th Well dressing, maypole
Thursday 20th Y4 bump up day
Friday 28th Reports home

Diary Dates July 2024

(new)Friday 5th School disco 16:30-18:30 (*see PTFA updates*)
Thursday 11th & Friday 12th Leaver's café – 14:00-15:00
Friday 17th- 09:00 Celebration event for Star of the Week winners **W/c 15th** Bump up for all classes to prepare for September

What We Have Learnt

Emerald-Nursery: The children have been concentrating on Maths this week and have learnt numbers up to 5. They have been looking at how to add numbers below 5 together.

Emerald-Reception: Reception have been consolidating their learning on numbers up to 10 along with addition.

Garnet: Garnet class have learnt about adjectives and have applied them to their writing about African animals.

Sapphire: The children have been reading 'The Boy At The Back Of The Class'. They discussed how the character would have felt on his first day at school. They have worked this out through focusing on the language used in the text.

Amethyst: Our Y3/4 have been writing their own version of 'The Hodgeheg'. It has been lovely to see their creativity!



Co-opted Governor Vacancy

Thank you to those who have shown interest/applied for the Co-Opted Governor vacancy we have. The deadline for applications was Friday 3rd May. Any applications will be looked through by the Headteacher and current Governors and we will be in touch. It really is a great time to join our Governing board and help us on our journey.

Thank You!

PTFA Updates

Our wonderful PTFA group have created their own Newsletter. We have sent this out via email, please let the office know if you haven't received this or wish to have a hard copy. They have organised a school disco on Friday 5th July. This is starting at 16:30 until 18:30. We ask you collect your child from school as normal (unless they are in club/wraparound care) and drop them back off at 16:30. Parents will not be permitted to stay unless an active member of the PTFA running the event.

Staff Shout out's!

This week a massive shout out goes out to all of our Midday Supervisors who spent a whole afternoon tidying out our P.E./lunchtime equipment shed. This was a big task with everything that had ended up in there over the years! We can now make use of the items and get summer ready.

#Respect



Scientific Enquiry of the Week:

Are all metals magnetic?

Year 3 have been investigating if all metals are magnetic. They predicted that iron was not magnetic but learnt that Iron, Nickel and Steel are all magnetic. The spool made of silver did not attract to the magnet.



Our Environment Local Community Matter

Thank you to those parents/carers who have made us aware of a leak at the front of the school. Members of the local community have also contacted us regarding this. We are currently in contact with United Utilities who, we are hoping, will come and resolve the issue.

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