



Newsletter 14

16 December 2022

Dear Parents

What a week! I cannot believe we started the week with the snowfall and we are ending the week with it still here; we have been intrepid throughout!

Thank you for all your kind comments and emails about our cancelled Panto performance on Wednesday ~ we have bounced back and are ready to end our school term on a positive note.

This will be the last newsletter of the Autumn Term so I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and all the very best for 2023. We look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 9th January.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARD

Our target is to be at **96%** attendance throughout the year. We are below our target.

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| This week | 92.66% |
| Week beg 05 December | 92.17% |
| Best week to date | Week beginning 03 October 2022 ~ 97.5% |



ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 12 December:

| CLASS | RED <95% | AMBER 95% | GREEN 96+% |
|------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|
| HERON | | | 96.3% |
| FOX | | | 97.3% |
| BADGER | 93.7% | | |
| ROBIN | 93% | | |
| KINGFISHER | 87% | | |
| HEDGEHOG | 92.8% | | |
| WOODPECKER | 92% | | |
| RABBIT | 88% | | |
| OWL | 91.3% | | |
| SQUIRREL | 94.9% | | |

Well done to **Fox Class**.

HOURS OF LEARNING LOST

As well as monitoring attendance, we also monitor lateness. If your child arrives 5 minutes late each day over the course of the week they will have missed 25 minutes of learning time. Over a period of 4 weeks that is 100 minutes and over a term that is 325 minutes (almost 5 ½ hours). Punctuality is important in all walks of life and we encourage the children to be good time keepers.

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| This week 12 December 2022 | 639 minutes = 10 hours and 39 minutes |
| Last week 05 December 2022 | 326 minutes = 5 hours and 26 minutes |



Please ensure you are leaving adequate time to travel to school now the winter months are upon us. Children start learning as soon as they come in to school and continual lateness will impact this.

GOLDEN BOOK

This week the following children shared their learning with me:

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| <i>Jakov</i> | <i>Kingfisher Class</i> | <i>Ethan</i> | <i>Kingfisher Class</i> | <i>Rufus</i> | <i>Kingfisher Class</i> |
| <i>Raeya</i> | <i>Kingfisher Class</i> | <i>Sophia A</i> | <i>Kingfisher Class</i> | <i>Sebastiao</i> | <i>Kingfisher Class</i> |
| <i>Leo</i> | <i>Robin Class</i> | <i>Kyaan</i> | <i>Robin Class</i> | <i>Raedthra</i> | <i>Robin Class</i> |
| <i>Farong</i> | <i>Robin Class</i> | | | | |

ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL

We like to celebrate the achievements and awards of our children outside of school too! If your child has earned an award in an event, please send in a copy of the certificate and we can mention them in our weekly newsletters.

This week we celebrated the success of:

| Pupil | Class | Achievement |
|--------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| <i>Siya</i> | <i>Owl</i> | <i>Learn to Swim ~ Stage 1</i> |
| <i>Zayn</i> | <i>Rabbit</i> | <i>Learn to Swim ~ Stage 1</i> |

PHONE FREE FRIDAY

This week we had 2 responses to the question of the week! Thank you to everyone who is taking part!

| Favourite Answer | | | |
|---|---|---------------|-----------------|
| Question | Answer | Pupil | Class |
| <i>Would you rather ride a horse or an elephant? Why?</i> | <i>'I would ride an elephant because then I can stay on an elephant easier because it won't go fast like a horse'</i> | <i>Sophie</i> | <i>Hedgehog</i> |

This week's question is:

Can you describe colours without mentioning their names?

[Remember to Tweet your answers, use this link ~ @HeadCasInJ](#)

END OF TERM

Just a reminder that the end of term is approaching; the final day for Nursery is Tuesday 20th December (usual timings) and Wednesday 21st December for the remainder of the school. **Please note the earlier finishing time of 1:15pm.**

COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL-AGED IMMUNISATION SERVICE UPDATE

The Community and School-Aged Immunisation Service (CSAIS) providers have visited our school to offer flu vaccination to children in Years Reception to 2.

If your child has missed a school session, either because they were off on the day of visit or they are not attending school for any reason, parents/carers are advised to contact the CSAIS provider directly to arrange for vaccination in a scheduled community clinic.

Any child or young person who is in a clinical risk group is eligible to get the flu vaccination at their GP practice and are advised to contact their GP directly.

Visits to secondary schools have been provisionally scheduled for later in the year pending vaccine supply.

Contact details for CSAIS providers for parents/carers to access flu vaccination for 4-10 year olds:

Hertfordshire: 01462 427008 or email hertfordshire@v-uk.co.uk

MESSAGE FROM BOTH MRS COOPER AND MISS SHERRY

Another successful half term and continuing to work together in collaboration. During our monthly meetings we have discussed progress towards a joint travel plan as well as concerns about parking during school drop off and pick up. We have worked together on the school timings consultation and will meet again to discuss the outcomes. Both teaching teams have met for a staff meeting to moderate writing across both the schools and it was great to see the teachers mixing across the key stages discussing learning and teaching strategies. It has also been lovely for the Year 3's to host our Year 2's for their Nativity performance.

We both wish you all a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and best wishes for 2023.

REMINDERS FROM LAST WEEK:

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

These will be taking place next week; children may come dressed to impress on their party day:

Monday 19th ~ Year 1 and Nursery

Tuesday 20th ~ Year 2

Wednesday 21st ~ Reception

SPRING TERM CLUBS

Applications for our after school clubs are now open. More information about the clubs offered, days and times can be found here: [After School Clubs](#)

RECEPTION APPLICATIONS 2023/24

A reminder that all applications for our Reception class intake for September 2023 must be completed by the 15th January 2023. If you are in our nursery or have a sibling in our school or the junior school and have not yet applied please do so via the County website. Here is the link: [Reception 2023 Applications](#)

STREP A AND SCARLET FEVER UPDATE ~ A message from the Department of Education

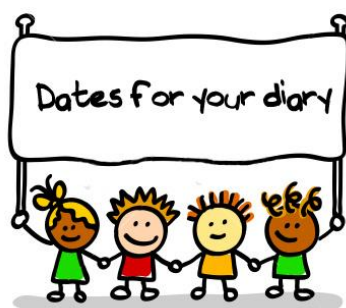
"Strep A and scarlet fever – what are they and what are the symptoms?" is a post, with relevant information for parents, which has just been published on The Education Hub blog. We are seeing an increased number of cases of Group A streptococcus (Strep A) compared to normal at this time of year. There is no evidence that a new strain is circulating. Read the new post: [The Education Post](#)

ATTACHED FLYERS:

1. South West Herts Partnership Newsletter
2. South West Herts Partnership Support with the cost of living
3. Children's Well-being Practitioner Workshops

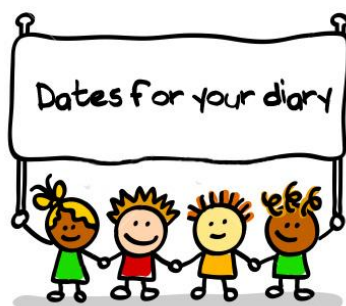
With best wishes

Charlotte Cooper
Headteacher



Autumn term 2022

| Date | What's Happening? | Where? | Time? |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|--------|
| Wk beg 19 December | Christmas Parties | | |
| Tue 20 December | Nursery Nativity | School Hall | 9:15am |
| Tue 20 December | End of term for Nursery pupils | | |
| Wed 21 December | Autumn term ends 1:15pm | | |



Spring term 2023

| Date | What's Happening? | Where? | Time? |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|------------|-----------------|
| Thu 5 January | INSET ~ School closed to pupils | | |
| Fri 6 January | INSET ~ School closed to pupils | | |
| Fri 27 January | Heron Sharing Assembly | Hall | 9am |
| Wk beg 30 January | National Story Telling Week | | |
| Wed 1 February | Y2 St Luke's Workshops | St Luke's | In school event |
| Thu 2 February | Book at Bedtime | Classes | TBC |
| Wk Beg 6 February | Well Being Week | | |
| Tue 7 February | Internet Safety Day | | |
| Fri 10 February | Fox Sharing Assembly | Hall | 9am |
| Wed 22 February | World Thinking Day ~ Children | | |
| Fri 24 February | Learning together morning | 9am | Classrooms |
| Thu 2 March | World Book Day | | |
| Fri 3 March | Kingfisher Sharing Assembly | Hall | 9am |
| Wk beg 13 March | STEM Focus Week | | |
| Tue 14 March | World Maths Day | | |
| Fri 17 March | Open Afternoon | Classrooms | 2:45pm |
| Tue 21 March | World Poetry Day | | |
| Wed 22 March | EYFS parent consultation | Virtual | 3.30-6pm |
| Thu 23 March | EYFS parent consultation | Virtual | 3.30-6pm |

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| Fri 24 March | Badger Sharing Assembly | Hall | 9am |
| Mon 27 March | KS1 Reports to Parents | | |
| Tue 28 March | Y1 Spring Extravaganza | School Hall | 9:15am |
| Wed 29 March | Y1 Spring Extravaganza | School Hall | 2pm |
| Thu 30 March | End of term for Nursery pupils | | |
| Fri 31 March | Spring term ends 1:15pm | | |



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These dates are the same as the junior school.

AUTUMN 2022

Wednesday 21 December Autumn term ends 1:15pm

SPRING 2023

Thursday 5 January INSET ~ School closed to pupils

Friday 6 January INSET ~ School closed to pupils

Monday 9 January Spring term starts

Mon 13 Feb – Fri 17 Feb Half term

Friday 31 March Spring term ends 1:15pm

SUMMER 2023

Monday 17 April Summer term starts

Mon 29 May – 2 June Half term

Friday 30 June INSET ~ School closed to pupils

Friday 21 July End of summer term 1:15pm



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AUTUMN 2023

Friday 1 September INSET ~ School closed to pupils

Monday 4 September Autumn term starts

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| Mon 23 Oct – Fri 27 Oct | Half term |
| Friday 1 December | Occasional Day ~ School closed to pupils |
| Wednesday 20 December | Autumn term ends 1:15pm |

SPRING 2024

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|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Thursday 4 January | INSET ~ School closed to pupils |
| Friday 5 January | INSET ~ School closed to pupils |
| Monday 8 January | Spring term starts |
| Mon 19 Feb – Fri 23 Feb | Half term |
| Thursday 28 March | Spring term ends 1:15pm |

SUMMER 2024

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|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| Monday 15 April | Summer term starts |
| Mon 27 May – 31 May | Half term |
| Friday 19 July | End of summer term 1:15pm |
| Monday 22 July | INSET ~ School closed to pupils |
| Tuesday 23 July | INSET ~ School closed to pupils |