



Newsletter 23

17 March 2023

Dear Parents

STEM week has been amazing, as predicted! Thank you to all the staff and parents involved in making the week a success for our children; there is a huge amount of preparation involved. We hope you enjoyed open afternoon and sharing the learning with your child.

Despite the busy school week, our newsletter is relatively short!

### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARD

Our target is to be at **96%** attendance throughout the year. We are on track this week!

This week	<b>96.64%</b>
Week beg 06 March	<b>94.45%</b>
Best week to date	Week beginning 03 October 2022 ~ <b>97.5%</b>



### ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 13 March:

CLASS	RED <95%	AMBER 95%	GREEN 96+%
HERON	<b>94.0%</b>		
FOX	<b>92.0%</b>		
BADGER			<b>99.3%</b>
ROBIN			<b>100%</b>
KINGFISHER			<b>99.3%</b>
HEDGEHOG			<b>97.7%</b>
WOODPECKER			<b>97.7%</b>
RABBIT			<b>98.0%</b>
OWL	<b>92.1%</b>		
SQUIRREL			<b>96.3%</b>

Well done to **Robin 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.

<b>This week 17 March</b>	<b>221= 3 hours and 41 minutes</b>
<b>Last week 10 March</b>	<b>281 = 4 hours and 41 minutes</b>



## 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>Rishi</i>	<i>Heron</i>	<i>Swimming ~ Grade 2</i>
<i>Liyang</i>	<i>Fox</i>	<i>Cassiobury Tennis Club Tournament</i>
<i>Eren</i>	<i>Fox</i>	
<i>Sebastian</i>	<i>Fox</i>	

## MRS DOUGLAS

Mrs Douglas shared her exciting news this week; she is expecting a baby in September! I'm sure you will join me in sending our congratulations to the Douglas family.

Staffing will remain unchanged for this year and we are recruiting a teacher to cover Mrs Douglas' maternity leave.

## ANNUAL GOVERNOR DAY ~ Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023

A reminder that Governors will be available on the playground to speak with parents at both drop off and pick up. Please come and have a chat or share your views which could support school improvement.

## SPRING TERM REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS

### *Our Early Years Classes:*

Will be having their parent consultation next week on either Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March or Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March; please ensure you book an appointment to speak to your child's teacher. The children will be bringing home their books on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March for you to have a look through prior to the meeting.

### *Our KS1 Classes:*

Our annual written report will be sent to parents on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March. Please have a read through, especially at the next steps indicated by the teacher to support with development over the summer term. Should you wish to share feedback about your report please complete and return the feedback form to your child's class teacher by Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

## NURSERY PLACE ACCEPTANCE

If you have been offered a place in our Nursery Class for September 2023, please ensure you have completed the acceptance paperwork by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

## BIG WALK & WHEEL 20<sup>TH</sup> - 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH

Next week we are taking part in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel, which inspires pupils to make active journeys to school, improve air quality in our neighbourhood and discover how these changes benefit our world.

On each day of the challenge, schools compete to see who can get the highest percentage of their pupils walking, using a wheelchair, scooting or cycling to school. Our school's best five days will determine our final position. Schools will be entered into a daily prize draw for rewards, including equipment and accessories if over 15% of our pupils walk, use a wheelchair, scoot or cycle on that day of the challenge.

## RARING 2 GO!

Please find a link to the Raring2go! Watford Spring magazine. It's packed full of information for the Easter period including egg hunts, fairs, outdoor trails, and the usual activities, clubs, camps and classes to keep children entertained throughout Spring: [Raring2Go!](#)

## REMINDERS

### SUMMER TERM CLUBS

Information about our Summer Term extra-curricular clubs is now available on our website; places are limited so please sign up as soon as possible: [Summer Term Clubs 2023](#)  
Angie's Tennis Club has a deadline of 22<sup>nd</sup> March for sign up!

### LIBRARY COMPETITION - CHANCE TO MEET AN AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR!

Award-winning author Claire Alexander will be visiting our school on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April to talk to the children about her new book The Think-Ups! Whilst she is in school, she will also be opening our newly revamped school library.

We are running a competition for **2 lucky children from each class plus their adult** to attend the library opening and meet Claire Alexander. The competition is open to all year groups in school; to enter use the **attached form**:

- draw a picture of your favourite book or story character
- explain why you love to read
- think of a question that you would ask Claire Alexander if you could meet her

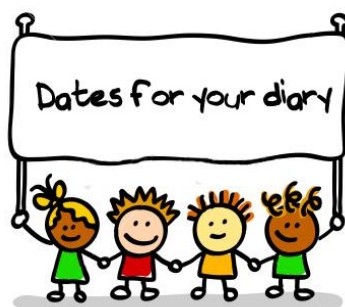
**Closing date** for entries: **WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL**. Winners will be announced in the school newsletter Fri 21<sup>st</sup> April.

### EARLY WARNING CORONATION EVENT ~ 5<sup>th</sup> May

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May we will be holding a joint event with the Junior School to celebrate the King's coronation. We are still finalising plans across the two schools and will update you as soon as possible; for now save the date in your diary.

With best wishes for a lovely weekend

*Charlotte Cooper*  
**Headteacher**



### Spring term 2023

Date	What's Happening?	Where?	Time?
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
Fri 24 March	Badger Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Wk Beg 27 March	Wellbeing Week		
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		

## Summer Term 2023

Date	What's Happening?	Where?	Time?
Fri 21 April	No Screen Day / Litter Pick		
Fri 28 April	International Dance Day		
Mon 1 May	BANK HOLIDAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED		
Fri 5 May	Robin Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Fri 5 May	Year 1 Coffee Morning	Oak Room	From 9am
Fri 5 May	Coronation Event	TBC	TBC
Mon 8 May	BANK HOLIDAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED		
Thu 11 May	CLASS PHOTOS		
Fri 12 May	Pyjamarama Day ~ come dresses in your PJs		
Fri 12 May	Hedgehog Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Fri 12 May	Year 1 Coffee Morning	Oak Room	From 9am
Wk beg 15 May	Wellbeing week		
Wk beg 15 May	Walk to School Week		
Fri 19 May	Rabbit Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Fri 19 May	Reception Coffee Morning	Oak Room	From 9am
Fri 19 May	Outdoor Learning Day		
Mon 22 May	Heritage Day		
Wed 24 May	Reception Class visit to St Luke's		
Fri 26 May	Learning together morning	Classrooms	9am
Fri 26 May	Coffee Morning for all	Oak Room	From 9am
Mon 5 Jun	Environment Day		
Fri 9 Jun	Nursery Coffee Morning	Oak Room	From 9am
Fri 16 Jun	Woodpecker Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Fri 16 Jun	Reception Coffee Morning	Oak Room	From 9am
Wk beg 19 Jun	Creative Focus Week		
Wed 21 Jun	World Music Day		
Fri 23 Jun	Open Afternoon	Classrooms	2:45pm
Fri 30 Jun	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS		
Wed 5 Jul	New to Reception Parents Meeting	Hall	9:15am
Thu 6 Jul	New to Nursery Parents Meeting	Hall	9:15am (TBC)
Wed 5 Jul	KS1 parent consultation	Virtual	3.30-6pm
Thu 6 Jul	KS1 parent consultation	Virtual	3.30-6pm
Fri 7 Jul	Sports Day ~ joint event with the Junior School		
Mon 10 Jul	Squirrel Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Mon 10 Jul	Nursery Coffee Morning	Oak Room	From 9am
Mon 10 Jul	EYFS Reports to parents		
Thu 13 Jul	Transition Day 1	Classrooms	N/A
Fri 14 Jul	Owl Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Mon 17 Jul	Transition Day 2	Classrooms	N/A
Tue 18 Jul	Y2 Performance	School Hall	9:15am
Wed 19 Jul	Y2 Performance	School Hall	2pm
Thu 20 Jul	End of term for Nursery pupils		
Fri 21 Jul	Wear Purple Day		
Fri 21 Jul	Summer Term ends 1:15pm		



PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE THE DATES FOR THE\_ACADEMIC YEAR **2022/23**  
These dates are the same as the junior school.

**SPRING 2023**

Thursday 30 March	Spring term end for Nursery ~ usual school timings
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



PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE THE DATES FOR THE\_ACADEMIC YEAR **2023/24**  
These dates are the same as the junior school.

**AUTUMN 2023**

Friday 1 September	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Monday 4 September	Autumn term starts
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**

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**

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