



Newsletter 16

19th January 2024

Dear Parents

What a chilly week; with hats, scarves and hoods it has been a great game of 'guess who' on the school gates!

I know the winter weather makes travelling to school by car a preferred option but please can I remind parents about travelling slowly on Bellmount Wood Ave and parking respectfully for both pedestrians using the pavements and neighbours driveways; thank you.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARD

Our target is to be at **96%** attendance throughout the year.

This week	91.1%
Week beg 8 January	93.6%
Best week to date	Week beginning 09 October ~ 98.65%



ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 15 January:

CLASS	RED <95%	AMBER 95%	GREEN 96+%
HERON			96%
FOX			97%
BADGER		95%	
ROBIN	92%		
KINGFISHER	92%		
HEDGEHOG			96%
WOODPECKER	90%		
RABBIT			100%
OWL	94%		
SQUIRREL	60%		

Well done to **Rabbit Class** who had the highest attendance this week.

HOURS OF LEARNING LOST

This week: 11 January	312 minutes = 5 hours and 12 minutes
Last week: 11 December	378 minutes = 6 hours and 18 minutes



GOLDEN BOOK

This week the following children shared their learning with me:

<i>Anousha</i>	<i>Fox Class</i>	<i>Joel</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>	<i>Rufus</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>
<i>Alayna</i>	<i>Fox Class</i>	<i>Shayo</i>	<i>Fox Class</i>	<i>Zacky</i>	<i>Fox Class</i>
<i>Otis</i>	<i>Rabbit 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
Leela	Rabbit	Swim England Duckling ~ Stage 3
Sophia	Badger	Cycling Muddy Monster Race under 8's ~ 1 st Place
Otis	Robin	Martial Arts ~ White Winter Tag
Sienna	Fox	Gymnastics Proficiency Award ~ Level 2
Reeva	Squirrel	Gymnastics Pre-School ~ Level 1
Miraj	Badger	Swim England ~ 25 Metres
		Dolphina Gymnastics ~ Stage 4

40 THINGS BINGO!

This half term's challenge is to achieve a FULL VERTICAL LINE.

Pupil	Class
Grace	Owl
Miraj	Badger

Deadline for achieving a vertical line is Friday 16th February.

WEEKLY WELL-BEING

Each week we will share one idea to promote family well-being. Please let us know if you enjoy it and if you have any other ideas that we could share!

This week's well-being idea: **Make paper aeroplanes and race them!**

COFFEE MORNING

The Oak Room will be open on Friday morning after drop off. Tea and coffee will be available for any parents who wish to stop for a chat over a brew! This is open to all parents in all year groups so please pop along.

COST OF LIVING: Winter 2023/4 Cost of Living Resources HCC

This winter, Hertfordshire County Council wants to make sure that advice and support is available to help every resident deal with the rising cost of living and to stay safe and well as temperatures drop. To make sure everyone knows what help is available, we are highlighting the support and services Hertfordshire residents can access to help them manage. For more information please visit the HCC website [Cost of Living Resources](#)

BITING DOWN ON GOOD ORAL HEALTH

We all need to look after our teeth but persuading little ones to brush regularly can be a challenge. This link is a list of the books available to borrow from your local library featuring some of our favourite picture book characters visiting the dentist and learning more about how to keep that sparkling smile: [Looking after your teeth](#). Also see the attached flyer.

REMINDER

BOOK AT BEDTIME

As part of our focus on promoting and developing a love of reading at our school, we are very excited to announce that we are holding our **'Book at Bedtime' session on Wednesday 31st January 2024**.

Children are invited to return to school at **4:20pm** with an accompanying adult, to listen to two story sessions. Parents will stay and listen to the stories with their child; children (and parents) are given the option to wear their pyjamas or bring a teddy bear if they wish! We will serve hot-chocolate and a biscuit in the break for £1; all monies raised will go towards new reading books for school.

The session will run as follows:

4:20pm	Doors open for children and their accompanying adult
4:30pm	Story session 1 (15 mins)
4:45pm	Hot chocolate and biscuit break (bring £1)
5:15pm	Story session 2 (15 mins)
5:30pm	Children and parents go home

Please note: all children MUST be accompanied by an adult for both story sessions. Parents with siblings who do not want to listen to the same story may arrange for another parent to be responsible for their child.

This is only for Infant School children; junior school children are unable to attend.

More information about the story sessions you can choose will follow next week.
We look forward to seeing you!

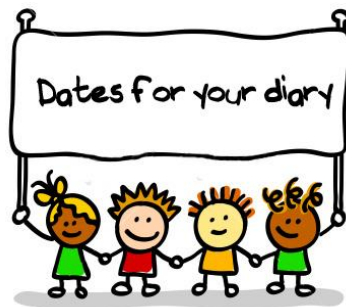
THIS WEEK'S FLYERS:

1. 74th Watford Scouts
2. Talking Families ~ weekly sessions for parents information
3. Top tips for oral health

Have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes

Charlotte Cooper
Headteacher



Spring term 2024

Date	What's Happening?	Where?	Time?
Fri 26 th Jan	Badger Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Fri 26 th Jan	Coffee Morning (all parents)	Oak Room	9-10am
Wk Beg 29 th Jan	National Story Telling Week		
Wed 31 Jan	Y2 St Luke's Workshops		
Wed 31 st Jan	Book at Bedtime	KS1 Classrooms	4:20-5:30 pm
Tue 6 th Feb	Internet Safety Day		
Fri 9 th Feb	Hedgehog Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Wk Beg 12 th Feb	Well-Being Week		

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Fri 16 th Feb	Learning together morning	Classrooms	9am
Tue 27 th Feb	World Thinking Day ~ Scout / Brownies Uniform Day		
Wk Beg 4 th Mar	Waste Awareness Week		
Thu 7 th Mar	World Book Day		
Wk Beg 11 th Mar	STEM Focus Week		
Tue 12 th Mar	World Maths Day		
Fri 15 th Mar	Open Afternoon	Classrooms	2:45pm
Tue 19 th Mar	World Poetry Day		
Wed 20 th Mar	EYFS Parent Consultation	Virtual	Appointments
Thu 21 st Mar	EYFS Parent Consultation	Virtual	Appointments
Fri 22 nd Mar	Fox Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Mon 25 th Mar	KS1 Annual Report Home to Parents		
Tue 26 th Mar	Year 1 Spring Extravaganza	Hall	9:15am
Wed 27 th Mar	Year 1 Spring Extravaganza	Hall	9:15am
Wed 27 th Mar	End of term for Nursery pupils		
Thu 28 th Mar	Spring Term ends 1:15pm		



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

SPRING 2024

Mon 19 Feb – Fri 23 Feb	Half term
Wednesday 27 th March	Nursery end of Spring Term ~ usual time
Thursday 28 March	Spring term ends 1:15pm

SUMMER 2024

Monday 15 April	Summer term starts
Mon 27 May – 31 May	Half term
Thursday 18 th July	Nursery end of Summer Term ~ usual time
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



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AUTUMN 2024

Monday 2 September	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Tuesday 3 September	Autumn term starts
Mon 28 Oct – Fri 1 Nov	Half term
Friday 29 November	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Friday 20 December	Autumn term ends 1:15pm

SPRING 2025

Monday 6 January	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Tuesday 7 January	Spring term starts
Mon 17 Feb – Fri 21 Feb	Half term
Friday 4 April	Spring term ends 1:15pm

SUMMER 2025

Tuesday 22 April	Summer term starts
Mon 26 May – 30 May	Half term
Friday 18 July	End of summer term 1:15pm
Monday 21 July	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Tuesday 22 July	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Wednesday 23 July	Occasional Day ~ School closed to pupils