



Newsletter 18

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

Dear Parents

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Book at Bedtime event ~ it is always one of our favourites and it was lovely to hear all your positive comments.

I would like to say a huge 'Thank you' to all our parents who respected the no sibling rule. As a Headteacher and as a parent I know this can be a difficult rule to follow logistically (I have been there!), but it is important for Health and Safety with so many attending on site. I also have to enforce the rule fairly to everyone; thank you for your understanding.

Thank you to Mrs Bird in our finance office who has worked hard to source and set up our card reader machine; we are officially in the 21<sup>st</sup> century! We will be able to use our card reader at most events now.

### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARD

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

This week	<b>94.4%</b>
Week beg 22 January	<b>95.9%</b>
Best week to date	Week beginning 09 October ~ <b>98.65%</b>



### ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 29 January:

CLASS	RED <95%	AMBER 95%	GREEN 96+%
HERON			<b>98%</b>
FOX		<b>95.7%</b>	
BADGER			<b>97.3%</b>
ROBIN	<b>90.7%</b>		
KINGFISHER		<b>95.3%</b>	
HEDGEHOG	<b>94.1%</b>		
WOODPECKER	<b>92.1%</b>		
RABBIT	<b>94.5%</b>		
OWL	<b>92.7%</b>		
SQUIRREL	<b>93.8%</b>		

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

### HOURS OF LEARNING LOST

<b>This week: 11 January</b>	<b>237 minutes = 3 hours and 57 Minutes</b>
<b>Last week: 11 December</b>	<b>300 minutes = 5 hours</b>



### GOLDEN BOOK

This week the following children shared their learning with me:

<i>Maanvi</i>	<i>Robin Class</i>	<i>Ayaan</i>	<i>Robin Class</i>	<i>Isobel</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>
<i>Mathilda</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>	<i>Mendim</i>	<i>Heron 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
Sienna	Fox	Swim England ~ Stage 3
Addie	Rabbit	International Dance Teacher's Association ~ Modern Jazz - White
		International Dance Teacher's Association ~ Ballet - Turquoise
Sophia	Heron	Dolphina Gymnastics ~ Badge 5
Akyra	Fox	Gymnastics Proficiency Award ~ Level 4

## 40 THINGS BINGO!

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

Pupil	Class
Anaahat	Kingfisher

Deadline for achieving a vertical line is Friday 16<sup>th</sup> 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: **Get some extra sleep, you could have a duvet day and relax this weekend!**

## BOOK AT BEDTIME

Thank you to everyone for your donations at our event. We raised an amazing £147.59. This money will be used to support furnishing the library and will hopefully complete our library project!

## MEASLES

You will have received a letter this morning from Hertfordshire County Council Public Health with regard to Measles cases rising in the UK. Please ensure you read carefully and take appropriate action to keep yourselves and everyone safe.

## COUNTRY OF THE MONTH

This month we are focussing on the country of Poland. Please see attached a knowledge organiser to support discussion at home.

## Reminder

## FANCY DRESS CLOTHES AMNESTY ~ SUSTAINABILITY SUPPORT

Fancy dress costumes often have short lifespans. While most are worn only twice, a shocking 2 in 5 are donned just once. This results in an estimated 7 million costumes being discarded annually in the UK, intensifying the environmental concern.

So in a drive to be more sustainable and support families with the cost of living, we are launching a 'Fancy dress clothes amnesty'. We will collect in unwanted fancy dress outfits clothes in from **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February**, with a pop-up shop taking place the week beginning **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February**, so that you can purchase pre-loved costumes in time for World Book Day!

Please send donations into school via your classroom. Many thanks for your support.

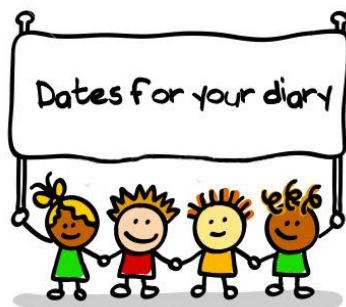
**THIS WEEK'S FLYERS:**

- 1. Bubble Rush for The Hospice of St Francis
- 2. Poland Knowledge Organiser

Have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes

**Charlotte Cooper**  
**Headteacher**



**Spring term 2024**

Date	What's Happening?	Where?	Time?
Tue 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Internet Safety Day		
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Hedgehog Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Wk Beg 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Well-Being Week		
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y2 St Luke's Workshops		
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Learning together morning	Classrooms	9am
Tue 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	World Thinking Day ~ Scout / Brownies Uniform Day		
Wk Beg 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Waste Awareness Week		
Thu 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	World Book Day		
Wk Beg 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	STEM Focus Week		
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	World Maths Day		
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Open Afternoon	Classrooms	2:45pm
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	World Poetry Day		
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	EYFS Parent Consultation	Virtual	Appointments
Thu 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	EYFS Parent Consultation	Virtual	Appointments
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Fox Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	KS1 Annual Report Home to Parents		
Tue 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Year 1 Spring Extravaganza	Hall	9:15am
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Year 1 Spring Extravaganza	Hall	9:15am
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	End of term for Nursery pupils		
Thu 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Spring Term ends 1:15pm		



PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE THE DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR **2023/24**  
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### SPRING 2024

Mon 19 Feb – Fri 23 Feb	Half term
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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