



Newsletter

22.03.19

Recently at Greenfields...

Apparently Spring is here – although to look at the weather as I write this I don't think you would know it! I do hope that the sunshine decides to come back soon and make an appearance – I need some sunshine! Fingers crossed for the weekend!

In school we are definitely ready for the Easter holidays and this term has been packed with wonderful learning. Yesterday, year 6 put on an eggcellent show with eggciting performances and eggceptional singing. It really was an eggstravaganza of the amazing work they have done this term. I was so impressed by the standard at which the children performed, and the confidence they had. It was a testament to the hard work and commitment that all of the year 6 team have shown so far this year, and I am looking forward to seeing what they accomplish in their last term.

My office seems to be bursting at the seams at the moment – full of eggs and raffle prizes. It really is very tempting, but so far I have resisted! Thank you to all those who have tried hard to sell their raffle tickets, and to those who have brought the stubs and the money in. If we all work together to do our bit, we will raise just short of £2500, all of which is going on providing more exciting and meaningful learning opportunities for outdoor learning, specifically for our Early Years area. I have already allocated money for equipment for the infants and juniors from the school funds. As you can see from the photo above, Nursery have already made a start on preparing the area for improvements!

I have offers of some help for the 10th – 12th April to help transform the area. However, many hands will make light work, so if you can spare some time to dig or move things I would be very grateful. Tea, coffee and bacon butties on offer to anyone who helps dig, saw, move wood and create. Please let the office know if you can and I will be in touch.

Unfortunately some families have not been so caring of our resources, and on Wednesday this week I found lots of our play equipment thrown over the fence and generally left all over the school grounds after it had all been put away. Many pieces had been broken. A reminder, please, after school the playgrounds are not general play areas for your children. The equipment belongs to the school and is not for free use. Please, once you have collected your children, take them home or to a park. In the summer term we have several outdoor providers using our outdoor spaces, and we have to keep them safe for the children that we are still responsible for. Please take your children home so they can play and let off steam there.

Thank you for your help and understanding in this.

Attendance

Wow, what a turn around! Just look at the class charts below – how much green? I am so proud that our school attendance figure improved by 2% from the previous fortnight - that is no mean feat! If we actually based it just on Reception to year 6 we achieve 97.4% which is superb! Thank you all so much for working with us to turn our attendance figures around and make a difference to your children's education.

Year 3 finally, after weeks of 99% attendance figures have made it to the 100% mark and earn themselves next Friday 29th March a non-uniform day. What makes me really happy is that this class have been so close for weeks and as a class have wanted to earn this reward. They truly deserve their non-uniform day.

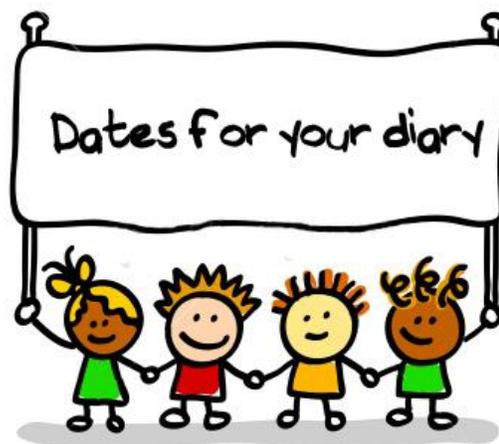
Year 4 have been so close, as have year 5 for a few weeks. I wonder if we will have more non-uniform days before the term is out. Remember we have end of term awards for individual 100% attendance each week in two weeks as well as three £5 amazon vouchers for the most improved attendance.



Nursery	76.8%
Reception	91.1%
Year 1	97.6%
Year 2	96.8%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	98.9%
Year 5	97.8%
Year 6	99.1%
School for week 4 th – 8 th February:	94.2%



Thank you all for your generosity last week in aid of Comic Relief. As a school we raised just over £220 which is an excellent result. Children across the school looked at the work of Comic Relief and how the charity benefits children and adults both here and abroad. We learnt about Kamal, a Syrian refugee who had to throw all his belongings overboard because the boat they were fleeing on was too heavy and everyone would drown. Kamal's most treasured possessions were his colouring pencils and pens – such a simple thing. Our money will help other children like Kamal replace all they have lost, or help feed homeless people on the streets, or help traumatized families rebuild their lives. Thank you for helping.



25.3.19	Mother's Day Gifts done this week through FOGS
26.3.19	9.30am – Tenor Horn Concert and Assembly for Year 4 parents
28.3.19	Reception Assembly Year 6 Visit to the Houses of Parliament
4.4.19	Nursery Assembly Easter Egg Hunt and Disco
5.4.19	End of term Easter Hat Parade
10-12.4.19	Project EYFS – Nursery Garden revamp
23.4.19	Term Starts – No Stay and Play from this date
30.4.19	Class Photos
2.5.19	Polling Day – SCHOOL OPEN!
6.5.19	May Day Public holiday
6 th – 24 th May	Public Examination time – Y2 and Y6.
27-31.5.19	Half term
9.7.19	Advance notice – SPORTS DAY