



# Headteacher Newsletter

*Believe in yourself, Value others, Be proud of your achievements, Smile, Shine, Be happy.*



Spring has officially sprung and we have made it to the end of an unusually long Spring Term.

We have had an incredible term with lots of amazing activities taking place over the past few weeks and even more to look forward to as we make our way towards the Summer term... how is that even possible?!!

Firstly I would like to tell you all about our focus for the upcoming term - Attendance. It is really important for our children to be at school on time every day to ensure they are getting the best possible opportunities for their education. When children miss a day of learning, they could miss out on something that is vital for their progress. We need to all work together as much as we can to ensure that children are here, assuming they are well enough, and ready to learn. If attendance has been an issue for your child, we will be in contact to see if there is anything extra we can do to support you. If your child is poorly and unable to attend, please can we remind you to call the school to let us know as our Welfare team are still spending a long time phoning home to check on children who have not arrived and this is time that can be better spent on other things, thank you for your support with this.

So thinking back over the last month, we kicked off March with our fabulous World Book Day, one of my personal favourite days of the year! All of the children, and adults, got well into the spirit of the day and came dressed up in all sorts of wonderful creations depicting their favourite book characters. We then spent the day looking at lots of different stories, spending time to really enjoy them and doing a bit of work around them. Sometimes that is what it is all about...having time to just slow things down and enjoy a good book together :)

Parents Evenings came and went in the blink of an eye. Thank you to all of the teachers for taking the time to write up some fantastic reports to share with all the parents and to our wonderful support staff for giving up their time to support their teachers in the classrooms on the evenings.

Once again, we did something funny for money to support the fantastic work of Red Nose Day and had our very own 'Topsy Turvy Day'. Thank you all for your donations towards such an incredible cause. The children have all been doing lots on where the money will be going to help those less fortunate than us in the UK and Africa. We have such a kind and caring community and the empathy the children have towards those affected by so many different things makes me even more proud to be their Headteacher.

Right at the end of the month, the Year 3 pupils went on a residential visit to Aylmerton which included a visit to the seaside, a boat trip to see the seals at Blakeley Point and bowling the evening. Lots of fun was had by all! We have also had our wonderful visit to Horstead with the Year 4 pupils. Again a residential full of fun and challenge with outdoor adventures such as rock climbing, zip wiring and canoeing taking centre stage.

This week we have had our annual Easter celebrations. Our visits to the church on Monday and Tuesday this week went without a hiccup and all the children involved read and sang beautifully. A special mention to Shania for her beautiful singing at both services.



## Highlights from the past few weeks

We celebrated World Book Day by dressing up as characters from our favourite stories and having a day dedicated to enjoying reading.

The Year 4 children spent a day exploring the Wizarding World of Harry Potter.

The Year 3 children went off to Aylmerton and had a fantastic time... thank you parents for letting them go!

We, once again, took part in Red Nose Day and had a 'Topsy Turvy Day'.

We had a very successful two days of Parents Evenings, thank you for your kind comments

The Year 4 children went off to Aylmerton and reports back say they have been having a great time.

Fantastic services at the Church had by all.

## Easter Eggs!

As always, our Easter Egg competition blew us away! We are just in awe of the children's creativity, imagination and egg-siting ideas that have transformed the simple egg into wonderful creations. We found it so hard to choose winners as all efforts were incredible. Here are just a few examples of the creations that came in this year. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents for lending a helping hand and supporting this with your children.



## Congratulations

Some of you may already be aware but we have some very exciting news to share. The lovely Mrs Pardoe is expecting her first child, due in September. Mrs Pardoe will be with us up until the end of the Summer Term when she will then go onto maternity leave as she awaits the arrival of her bundle of joy. We are so happy for Mrs Pardoe and can't wait to meet little bump.

## Online Learning



We would just like to take a few moments to remind you of the fantastic online resources we have bought in as a school to support the children's learning at home. All of these resources are amazing at helping children to revise and further develop their knowledge and understanding of different concepts and subjects. More Mathematics we currently have Athletics (which we also have a weekly award for) where the children can compete against other children all across the world in Maths calculations and problem solving activities. A second Mathematics programme is RMeasimaths which is one of my favourites. This fantastic programme continually assesses your children's learning and will adapt itself to suit their needs. So if they are finding an area particularly tricky it will simplify the

questions until they build up more confidence and likewise if they are finding something easy, it will up level and create questions more challenging...a very clever programme. Finally we have Active Learn which is packed full of a range of subjects. Once again we have Abacus, which is Mathematics resource bank for children to access to revise and practise skills. It also has Bug Club for children to work on their comprehension skills. And of course Science Bug to develop knowledge and understanding of current topics and areas of learning for their year group.

## ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS:

### Punctual Achievement:

Amelia RH, Niyah P, Isabella P, Hollie K, David S, Jacob P, Priyanka S, Filip M, Benjamin S, Oliver S, George R, Liam S, Lucas L, Malou S, Imogen S, Jack S, Auris M, Jamie S, Lexie K, Jagpreet S, Lottie SH, Eliza S, Maisie S, Natalia R, Kaiden S, Ousman N, Amanda S, Jools S, Ella T, Nathan U, Lora L, Natalia S, Zoe B, Kaylee TP, Abolaji O, Henry T, Freya S, Oliver TE, Robin W, Emilia K, Kai T, Evan Q, Riley W, Lola-Belle TR, Hollie B, Aimee S, Bradley M, Danielius B, Grace R, Ashleen H, Haleema O, Lucas B, Alexander W, Kieran P, Cerin MB, Ryan A, Amelie C, Blake S, Diana J, Mohammed O, Prathika K, Kaya C, Efe I, Hope O, Leo S, Owain S, Harley S, Tamara C, Jakub G, Lexi T, Jake B, Liam H, Aisha S, Amber G, Alexis H, Ellie W, Courtney C, Ksenia Z, Freya B, Kitana C, Bartosz A, Chloe W, Paige J, Amy F, Anna G, Calum C, Clara G, Darcey S, Maisie C, Kieran E, Gemma B, Saskia S, Fatima A, Giovanni B, Robert G, James P, Kyla M, Elizabeth P, Antoni R, Carson H, Lola D, Ashton W, Jude I, Emily S, Mia B.

### Achievements KS1:

Bella A, Ella J, Frank J, Marlie B, Zoe E, Toby F, Gracie W, Auris M, Brady J, Niyah P, Robin W, Evan Q, Bailey H, George T, Annabelle H, Kaiden S, Edward B, Daniel L, Phoebe W, Laura K, Scott T, Noah B, Savannah L, Archie J, Tyler B, Caris I, Oliver C, Phoebe W, Cerys B, Theo B, Hollie K, Lilly W, Scarlet A, Nasie S, Temidayo, Patrick R, Micah D, Natalia R, Struan E, Lillijana N, Isla S, Edward B, Kaylee T.

### Achievements KS2:

Elijah BH, Enya D, Luca C, Sophie Z, Katie N, Farhaan, Amelie C, Hope O, Ruby M, Amelia F, Jenson R, Shania W, Dashed DS, Chloe W, Kai D, Connie G, Alysha W, Kaya C, Phoenix B, Farhan C, Evie S, Modestas S, Jessica M, Freya B, Grace J, Shyla J, Jakob B, Caitlin T, Ruby W, Grace L, Leo S, Lola D, Dante R, Kieran E, Ben C, Elizabeth D, Callum B, Nico B, Bartosz A, Cody P, Mylie C, Chloe C, Kieran P, Charles B, Daniel L, Melissa S, Harry S, Keana M, Saskia, Martyna L, Lena S, , Abigail F, Isabella F, Mackenzie P, Lucy B, Maja H.

### Marvellous Manners:

Ali M, Ashleem H, Nell C, Harry S, Georgia L, Oliver A and Marso S.

### Mathletics:

Elliott M, Eva B, Shyla J, Ruby W, Jaiden P, Sian A, Filip K, Victoria S, Emilia B, Emily M and Georgia TG.





## BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Grace D, Teigan S, Rebekah C, Daphne D, Ruby AB, Michal B, Edward B, Jessica B Millie M, Sophie A, Ryan C, Fatou T, Charlie A, Ashleen H, Dasher DS, Harry G, Sian A, Alessia S, Owain S, Emilia B, Ben C, Chelsea L, Joe W, Keeley B, Alysha W, David F, Riley W, George W, Lexi T, Oliver C, Levi M, Shae J, Caitlin T, Enija M, Diaras B, Alicia B, Willow M, Harry S and Isobella T.

## HOUSE WINNERS

KS1 - King: Luke and Kai.

Queen: Maddie and Nell.

KS2 - King: Bradley and Kieran.

Queen: Alannah, Miley and Seren

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Robbings</b>	<b>1037</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Parrots</b>	<b>977</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Kingfishers</b>	<b>793</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Canaries</b>	<b>787</b>



## PARENT'S COMMENTS TO THE HEAD

As always we really value your opinions about our school. Please add your comments here for the Headteacher. You can return them in an envelope if you would prefer them to remain confidential.

Please use the remaining space to make any further comments about things you like, the things you think we need to develop or any ideas you may have and we will try to use them in school.

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### TERM DATES

#### **Spring Term 2017**

Opens Wednesday 4th January  
Half term - Monday 20th to Friday 24th February  
End - Friday 7th April

#### **Summer Term 2017**

Opens - Wednesday 26th April  
May Day - Monday 1st May  
Half term - Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June  
Ends - Thursday 20th July

#### **April**

Monday 24th and Tuesday Teacher Training Days  
Easter School for Year 6  
School opens Wednesday 26th  
Wednesday 26th - Horstead Feedback

#### **May**

Tuesday 2nd - Aylmerton feedback  
Wednesday 3rd to Friday 5th - Year 5 London visit  
Thursday 4th - Phonics Cafe  
Monday 8th to Friday 12th - Year 6 SAT's week  
Wednesday 10th - School Nurse Drop-in  
Monday 15th - Reception Screening Checks  
Tuesday 16th - London Feedback  
Friday 19th - Blunder Bus  
Friday 26th - Year 6 Spy Mission  
Friday 26th - Year 4 Tri Golf  
Half Term - 29th May - 2nd June