

12th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,



Our first full week back has been a chilly one, but this has not dampened the fantastic learning behaviours that I have observed when walking around the school.

Following our fantastic Reading Cafés that were held last term, we will be holding Maths Cafés this term. As per last year, class teachers will discuss your child's maths curriculum and ways in which you can support their learning at home. Please see diary dates for further information.

I am aware of several WhatsApp groups that may be sharing incorrect information about the daily logistics of the school day and whilst I wholeheartedly support these for sharing diary dates, lost property etc, I would urge that if you have any concerns about any matters arising at school, that these are shared with the class teacher or senior leadership team so that these can be discussed and hopefully resolved.

Sarah King

Head of School

Online Safety

If your child loves all things online, especially coding. Have a look at these local code clubs to direct their passion and further their skills.

Coding Club

Last Saturday of the month Bury St Edmunds Library • 11:00 - 12:00 • Free entry • Booking advised

If you can't make the clubs then the code club website has some amazing resources which are very accessible:

<https://projects.raspberrypi.org/en/codeclub>

Food Safety Guidance

New Government guidance suggest for children under 5:

- remove any stones and pips from fruit before serving
- cut small round foods, like grapes, strawberries and cherry tomatoes, lengthways and into quarters
- cut large fruits like melon, and hard fruit or vegetables like raw apple and carrot into slices instead of small chunks
- cut cheese into strips rather than chunks
- do not give popcorn as a snack

Big Garden Bird Watch

The Big Garden Birdwatch takes place on the 26-28th January and we will be taking part in school.

If you would like to take part yourselves please use the link below to sign up and get your free pack:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch>

House Points

The total house points for this term are as follows:

- 1st – Green
- 2nd – Blue
- 3rd – Red
- 4th – Yellow

Congratulations

Green team for being the winners this week!

Water Bottles

Please can we remind everyone that all water bottles are to be plastic; please do not send in glass bottles. These should contain water only.

Thank you

Suggestions

We are always looking for ways in which we can improve our wonderful school even more.

If you have any suggestions at all, please do utilise the feedback slips located in the foyer.

Alternatively, please drop an email into the office detailing your suggestions.

Attendance Guide for Parents/Carers

What YOU must do:

Telephone the school before 8.30am each day of your child's absence.

Tell the school in advance, of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters.

If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival. Check out this guidance from the nhs and chief medical officer - <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Have a backup plan for if your child misses transport, call on a family member, neighbour or friend.

If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

What WE will do:

Check your child's attendance every day.

Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.

Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.

If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit.

Key Dates: 23/24

23rd January—Maths Café Yr 5&6

29th January—RE Day

30th January—Maths Café Yr 1&2

5th February—Chinese New Year dance workshop—whole school

6th February—Safer Internet Day

13th February—Maths Café Yr 3&4

15th February—French Day

19th February—Half Term

26th February—PD Day

1st March—Reception to Pipers Vale (Info to follow)

8th March—Yr 1&2 to Pipers Vale

15th March—Yr 3&4 to Pipers Vale

20th & 21st March—Parents' Eve

21st March—RE Day

22nd March—Yr 5&6 to Pipers Vale

26th March—DT Day

28th March—French Day

28th March—Last Day

Super Learner

Reception – Charlotte

Year 1 – Bailey F

Year 2 – Olivia

Year 3 – Logan

Year 4 – Ellie

Year 5 – Amiah

Year 6 – Kaiden

**Congratulations to you all
Keep up the good work!**

Attendance This Week

As we know, good attendance at school supports pupils' attainment and well-being.

Reception: 98.46%

Year 1/2: 94.84%

Year 3: 94.21%

Year 4: 99.09%

Year 5: 99.44%

Year 6: 90.63%

Congratulations

Year 5 for the best attendance this week



February 19th - 23rd

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SCAN ME



Dinner Menu

Week Commencing 15th January

Monday

Margherita Pizza
Jacket Potato (Cheese & Beans)
Potato Waffles
Selection of Salad/Vegetables

Mousse & Biscuit

Tuesday

Smokey Joe Chicken
Cheese & Onion Quiche
Rice
Selection of Salad/Vegetables
Jacket Potato (Cheese & Beans)

Vanilla Crunch & Custard

Wednesday

Chicken Goujon Wrap
Frankfurter Hot Dog
Pasta
Selection of Salad/Vegetables

Jacket Potato

Smoothie

Thursday

Roast Beef
Veggie Fingers
Yorkshire Pudding
Roast Potatoes
Vegetables
Gravy

Jacket Potato (Cheese & Beans)

Waffles & Ice Cream

Friday

Battered Fish
Quorn Sausage under wraps
Chips
Spaghetti Hoops
Selection of Salad/Vegetables

Jacket Potato

Chocolate Chip Cookie