



**DREAM BIG**



## **Fortnightly Newsletter: 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022** **Welcome Back!**

Dear Parents / Carers,

It was so lovely to welcome the children back this week. They have settled back in quickly and had a really positive week. This week the children have experienced archery and tennis at lunchtimes which they have loved.



Please see our fortnightly updates below:

### **Parent's Evening**

We had a successful parents evening with excellent attendance in the majority of classes. Please see the table below to show the % of parents we managed to speak to:

Year group	% of parents we spoke to
EYFS	100%
1	100%
2	83%
3 / 4	96%
5	100%
6	100%

Thank you to the parents who completed the survey to see whether there was a preference for face to face or telephone appointments. We had 73 responses, which is great. 32 preferred face-to-face and 35 preferred telephone (with the option to look at books at another time and 6 wanted to decide nearer the time. Therefore, my early thoughts are that we will offer a blended approach going forward with possibly a night of face-to-face and a night of telephone appointments.

### **Attendance**

I am pleased to let you know that Mrs Halfpenny will be leading on attendance going forwards. She will be responsible for:

- Following up day one absences
- Contacting families to offer support when we notice attendance is starting to drop
- Home visits
- Working with Stockport Local Authority when early support has not improved attendance



Mrs Halfpenny is excited by this new role and the opportunity to support our families.

## Art Exhibition

Thank you to those of you who visited our Art gallery. It was great to see so many children represented. The feedback showed you were impressed with the quality of the children's work and loved seeing all the classes represented together.

We have taken on board your suggestion to change the timings to allow you to look at the work / event with your child.



## Staffing



Just a few updates for the summer term. Miss Moore will be starting her maternity leave at the end of June.

We have some more wonderful news to share – Mrs Nichol will be expecting her first child in October. Looks like we are having a baby boom!

We are therefore currently advertising for two temporary teaching posts.

Next week we are interviewing for the new office position.

So, some exciting changes on the horizon.

## COVID update

The guidelines have now changed regarding COVID. Please find below the most up-to-date information. Children can get COVID but it's usually a mild illness and most get better in a few days.

Symptoms of COVID-19 can include:

- a high temperature or shivering (chills) – a high temperature means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste
- shortness of breath
- feeling tired or exhausted
- an aching body
- a headache
- a sore throat
- a blocked or runny nose
- loss of appetite
- diarrhoea
- feeling sick or being sick

The symptoms are very similar to symptoms of other illnesses, such as colds and flu.

What to do if your child has symptoms:

Your child should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have symptoms of COVID-19 **AND** they either:

- have a high temperature
- do not feel well enough to go to school

They can go back to school, college or childcare when they feel better or do not have a high temperature.

*If your child has mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat or mild cough, and they feel well enough, they can go to school.*

Thank you for continued support.

Have a wonderful weekend and let's hope for a sunny weekend.

Best wishes.

*E. Harding*

Mrs Harding  
Headteacher

### **Weekly Worship Focus**

This week we introduced our new value 'service.' We talked about it meaning:

Spending time on others  
Enjoying giving help  
Responsibility in action  
Volunteering willingly  
I second, you first  
Committing to a task  
Everyone offering their talents and task

Children's  
Worship

SERVICE

### **Birthdays**

Birthdays over the next two weeks:



We hope you have the best day!

Aaleyah in Year 6	Daisy in Year 6
Macie in Year 6	Sophie in Year 5
Joseph in Year 5	Isabella in Year 2
Tihami in Year 1	Isla in Year 6
Blake in Year 4	Lilly in Year 6
Alexa in Year 3	

### **Polite Reminders**

We have seen an increase in children arriving late. The register is taken at 9am every day and is a legal document so anything after this time has to be marked as a late and impacts on your child's attendance.

Mrs Halfpenny will be monitoring this going forwards. If you feel you need some support with this please do not hesitate to get in touch. We want to work with you.



### **Weekly attendance**

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Weekly %</u>
Nursery	89%
Reception	92.4%
Year 1	90.8%
Year 2	90.6%
Year 3/4	88.6%
Year 5	93.7%
Year 6	89.8%
Whole school	90.7%

Well done Reception and Year 5!



### **Important Dates**

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May: Bank holiday
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May: School closes for Whit holidays
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June: INSET DAY – school closed
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June: School opens for Summer 2
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July: Schools closes for the Summer

**DATES TO  
REMEMBER**