

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER: SUNDAY 24th March 2024, WEEK 5

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

We are fast approaching the summer term and I want to let you know our plans for developing our writing curriculum. Of all the subjects impacted by the closure of schools during Covid, writing was the worst hit for all children. Our teachers recently took part in training which has impacted on the way we teach it. In short, all writing is broken down into very small steps and edited as they go rather than at the end. The children also write for purpose and an audience. We are setting writing homework for the holidays to try to keep the children on track and build up their stamina for writing; please look out for it and help us to help your child. Thank you

Weekly attendance: w/c 18h March 2024

Well done to Year 4 for reaching 'The Golden Goal' - for the highest attendance and to Year 3 for the least lates this week!

| Year group | Lates | Attendance |
|--------------|-------|------------|
| Reception | 3 | 98.28% |
| Year 1 | 14 | 93.51% |
| Year 2 | 3 | 98.33% |
| Year 3 | 4 | 97.16% |
| Year 4 | 7 | 99.00% |
| Year 5 | 4 | 98.89% |
| Year 6 | 1 | 96.18% |
| Whole School | 36 | 97.39% |

OTHER NEWS

Gentle reminder

May I please ask you not to talk to the children through the railings during school time and refrain from peering over the top? We teach the children about ways we keep them safe at school, including why the green netting is there; if they see adults looking through it they may worry. Thank you for your help.

Easter Service

We look forward to welcoming Year 5 parents to the Easter Service on Tuesday 26th March at 10:00 St Mary's Church. The children have been preparing and it looks set to be a really lovely retelling of the Easter story with a special musical element too.

FINALLY

Prayer

Dear God, help us to never give up and to always challenge ourselves even when things feel difficult. Help us to keep going when we are finding life hard. We ask that you give us strength by being by our side even in the darkest of times. Amen. *Amelia K 6C*

Yours sincerely

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