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2023 SCHOOL DIARY

STARS OF THE WEEK Rylie Melvin Oakley Patterson Jessica Gair Shaun Shepherd

Emmie Rowell

Mason Morrison

Cora Cooper

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Our School Target is 97% LAST WEEK: 93.2%

 Nursery (Seahorses)
 -92.4%

 Reception (Turtles)
 - 98.5%

 Year 1 (Jellyfish)
 - 94.1%

 Year 2 (Puffins)
 - 89.9%

 Year 3 (Sharks)
 - 85.9%

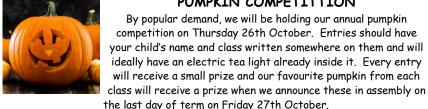
 Year 4 (Penguins)
 - 97.7%

Well Done Turtles!

Monday 23rd October 3.15pm Y4 Robinwood Parents' Meeting ***NEW*** Pumpkin Competition Entries Deadline Thursday 26th October Friday 27th October Parents invited to classrooms after assembly Friday 27th October 3.15pm—School closes for half term break Thursday 9th November Bags2School Collection Mon 13th-Weds 15th Year 4 visit to Robinwood November Activity Centre ***NEW*** 3.15-5.00 Year 1 PTA Movie Monday 13th November Night **NEW*** 3.15-5.00 Year 2 PTA Movie Tuesday 14th November Night ***NEW*** 3.15-5.00 Year 3 PTA Movie Wednesday 15th November Friday 17th November Children in Need Day-Spotty Theme 3.15-5.00 Year 4 PTA Movie ***NEW*** Wednesday 22nd November Night ***NEW*** 9.00am Christingle Thursday 30th November Assembly ***NFW*** 3.15pm Christmas Fair and Craft Night Thursday 30th November R-Y4 Children—Pinocchio Tuesday 5th December Pantomime (in school) ALL HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2023-24 and 2024-25 CAN BE

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PUMPKIN COMPETITTION



Entries should not be brought to school before Thursday 26th October please.

COVID UPDATE - TESTING NOT RECOMMENDED

We are aware that there have been a number of cases of Covid reported in the local area in recent weeks. The most recent advice from Public Health England is as follows:

Since the restrictions were lifted over a year ago in March 2022 the public health advice is that COVID should be managed like other respiratory infections such as flu. Due to the high vaccination rates in the population, there are no longer specific rules relating to COVID-19 in schools, colleges, childcare and other education settings.

It is reiterated that people really should not be testing, particularly if they do not have any symptoms and feel well.

More detailed guidance is available <u>HERE</u> and includes the following information: Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to go to school, college or childcare.

However, those who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people where they can. They can go back to school, college or childcare, and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend. UKHSA guidance says that it is not recommended that children and young people are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional.

For children and young people aged 18 and under who are recommended to take a COVID-19 test by a health professional and test positive, the advice is to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for three days. because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults.

BAG2SCHOOL COLLECTION

Bags2School Bags have been sent out this week ready for our first collection this year on **Thursday 9th November**. This is an ideal opportunity to have a clear out of any unused or unwanted clothes and help to raise some money for our PTA. **Due to lack of storage**



space in school we would really appreciate it if you could keep bags at home until the week of our collection. Other bags can be used if necessary.

HARVEST ASSEMBLY

We were pleased to welcome Reverend John to lead our harvest assembly yesterday. We learned about where the toast, that so many of us love to eat, comes from and said thank you to God for this. Our assembly was very well attended by families. Our school community came together to collect nearly 900 items to donate to the Food Bank.

LITTLE PEBBLES PLACES

We are in the process of allocating places for our Little Pebbles 2 Year Old Provision for January 2024. Little Pebbles is always very busy and places are limited so parents should act quickly if they hope to secure a place for their child. We offer 15 hours (3 hours per day) places for children entitled to free education and childcare for 2 year olds as well as paid places (for a minimum of 2 sessions per week) at £13.50 per 3 hour session. Prospective parents are welcome to come and visit if they would like to find out more about what we have to offer. You can also find out more on our school-website.

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