



LINKS NEWS

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Attendance for Last Week

Our School Target is 97%

LAST WEEK WE ACHIEVED 95.7%

Class percentages for last week :

Reception (Turtles) - 92.0%

Year 1 (Jellyfish) - 99.0%

Year 2 (Puffins) - 98.2%

Year 3 (Sharks) - 94.7%

Year 4 (Penguins) - 94.8%

Well done Jellyfish!

STARS OF THE WEEK

Oakley Dryden
Kayden Montgomery
Holly Bell
Maddie Curran
Freya Todd
Layton Coxford
Jake Todd

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2017 SCHOOL DIARY

Tuesday 10th January	9am-'Reading Army' training for parents/volunteers
Tuesday 17th January	3.15pm -Robinwood 2017 Meeting for Y3 Parents
Thursday 19th January	Swimming lessons restart (See below)
Thursday 16th February	9am - Y3 Sharks Class Assembly
Friday 17th February	Parents invited to classrooms after assembly
Friday 17th February	3.15pm- School closes for half term break.

Rainbow Plate Awards

As part of our responsibility as a school to promote healthy lifestyles, including healthy eating, we have introduced a new award each week for the children. A 'Rainbow Plate Award' will be given out each week to a child who consistently chooses (and eats) healthy lunchtime options either in their school lunch or their packed lunch. Healthy plates and packed lunches usually contain a good range of colour often provided by a range of fruit and vegetable items included with their meal. We provide an additional salad bar for children who take school dinners and have already seen an increase in the numbers of children selecting items from this. We also see some very colourful and healthily balanced packed lunches and hope to raise awareness for children whose packed lunches contain a limited range of food that is high in salt, fat or sugar, usually through processed food. We'll announce our weekly winner in Friday assemblies.



Robinwood Meeting for Y3 Children

Following November's Y4 successful residential visit to Robinwood we are already planning next year's adventure. We'd like to invite parents of our current Year 3 children to come along to a meeting **straight after school on Tuesday 17th January** to find out a little more. We strongly encourage parents to allow children to attend this visit which is a great opportunity and experience for the children.

Online Class Newsletters for this half term are now available on the school website. Please take the time to explore these as they give lots of hints and tips to support the children with their learning.

HOME READING LETTER

Look out for a letter from Mrs Oliver today about home reading. It is extremely important that parents work in partnership with school to listen to the children read on a very regular basis as it is proven that this improves outcomes for them. We hope our new system will encourage this. Please also take the time to comment in your child's reading record.

SCHOOL CAR PARK SAFETY REMINDER

In the interests of safety, please note that parents collecting or dropping off nursery children at lunchtimes should NOT use the school car park and should park outside the school premises as this is a time when there are often children on the car park. Thank you for your co-operation.

IN TO WIN WINNERS

Children with 100% attendance last half term (and no more than 2 latenesses) were entered into this week's 'In To Win' draw. The lucky winners drawn by the computer are: Scarlett Arries, Connor Roberts, Millie Angus, Levi Forster, Kelsie Ramsay and Faye Stone. These children will enjoy a trip to Spurreli for an ice cream soon!

SWIMMING LESSONS



Swimming Restarts—Thursday 19th January for Y2 and Friday 20th for Y4

PLACES FOR OUR RECEPTION CLASS IN SEPTEMBER 2017

Parents of our current Seahorses children are reminded that the closing date for the online admissions portal at <https://goo.gl/ttp0oy> is **JANUARY 15th 2017**. Applications made after this time are treated as late applications. **PLEASE NOTE THAT EVEN IF YOUR CHILD HAS A PLACE IN OUR SCHOOL NURSERY THEY ARE NOT GUARANTEED A PLACE IN RECEPTION. PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION NOW!**

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS INFORMATION

Football, Dance and Karate clubs will resume next week. Parents are reminded that Football (KS2 Mondays, KS1 Thursdays), Dance (Mondays), and Karate Clubs (Mondays 6pm) are free of charge and that Homework Club on a Monday is also free of charge to children entitled to Pupil Premium. We are currently investigating options to replace Cricket Club. Please see Mrs Goodfellow to enquire about a place for your child.