



Head Teacher's Message

Happy New Year!

It's been a really successful week - the children have come back to school eager to learn and keen to share the open-ended homework which so many of them completed over the holidays. The effort which they have put in shows excellent commitment and we know that this is a great way to start learning in their new topic areas. I'm sure that this enthusiasm will be harnessed by their teachers and the children will really enjoy the creative lessons planned for them.

As you will know from the letter you received this week, children will be completing their maths homework on the 'Mathletics' website. The positive feedback we had from our Year 3 children whilst they were trialling it for us meant that we knew it would be popular throughout the school. Every child has been given a copy of their own log-on details, so should be able to easily access their homework. We will be holding two workshops for parents and carers to come along and find out more. These will be on: Tuesday 15th January at 3:45pm and Thursday 17th January at 9:10am. We look forward to seeing you then.

We have been talking to the children in assemblies this week about how a new year is the opportunity to make changes for the better and how adults often make New Year's resolutions. The ones which the children created for themselves included making more friends, learning their times tables and arriving early for school. Many of us adults will have pledged to eat more healthily – we are lucky enough not have to consider what it is like for those who do not have enough to eat. The website www.freerice.com contains educational games for children and pledges to donate 10 grains of rice to Unicef's World Food Programme for each question which is answered correctly. We hope that our children can help others while having fun and learning at the same time. This links with Article 27 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child which states that every child has the right to a standard of living which is good enough to meet their physical and social needs. By working in partnership with you we hope that we can help these rights become a reality for all children in the world.

Best wishes for the weekend

Achievement Awards

Many congratulations to the following children who received Achievement Awards in assembly today.....

Aryaan – 3A	Usman – 4B
Endijs – 3B	Shahan – 4H
Rhea – 3T	Benas – 4M
Zaina – 3V	Aman – 4S
Angelina – 5B	Eliza – 6J
Ronaldo – 5T	Nasrat – 6S
Ugnius – 5W	Aiden – 6Z



Punctuality

Our best 'On Time' class for week ending 21st December was: 5W with 0 late marks recorded.

Attendance

Our top class for attendance week ending 21st December was: 6Z with 99.3%.



Board Games!

Do you have any board games (in good condition) that you no longer want that you could donate to our school's wet play game supply?

Games such as snakes & ladders, Connect 4, draughts, Guess Who and Buckaroo would be greatly appreciated.

Please have a look this weekend and bring any games to the school office.



Bugsy Malone

You can purchase a DVD of last year's Year 6 production of Bugsy Malone at the school office for £1 per copy.



Before & After School

School doors open at 8.45am each day. Any children who arrive before this time must be supervised by an adult as we do not have staff available before this time. Additionally, children must not play on the apparatus before or after school as we do not have first aiders present.

Thank you.

After-School Clubs

Year 6 booster sessions and all after-school clubs will commence on Monday 14th January 2019.

Coats

As the weather is so changeable please ensure your child brings a warm coat with them to school every day.



Diary Dates

Tue 22nd & Wed 23rd Jan – Parent Carer Conferences

Wed 6th – Fri 8th Feb – Y6 Fairplay House Trip

Mon 18th – Fri 22nd Feb – Half Term

Wed 27th Feb – Fri 1st Mar – Y6 Fairplay House Trip

Thu 7th Mar – World Book Day

Mon 11th – Fri 15th Mar – British Science Week

Mathletics Workshops

Mathletics Workshops for parents/carers:

Tues 15th Jan – 3.45pm

Thu 17th Jan – 9.10am

This is an opportunity to find out more about the online platform we will be using for maths homework.