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Upcoming Events

March 8

Year 6 Trip – Houses of Parliament

March 9

Reception Trip - Eureka

March 20

Year 5 Trip - Castle Museum

March 22

Year 1 Trip - The Hepworth Wakefield

Learning and Good Attendance

As you can see from the figures below, we are still struggling to raise our levels of attendance after a particularly nasty range of illnesses both before and after Christmas. Let's work together to try and ensure that children are in school as much as possible from now until the end of the school year. **Good attendance equals good attainment.**

The smiley face says if the target of 97% has been met.

Spring Half-Term 1 Attendance:



Bannister (Mr Russon) – 97% ★★★

Boudicca (Miss Harrison/Ms Jones) – 96%

Peake (Mr Wriglesworth/Mrs Burdett) – 96%

Warhol (Mrs Cavell/Mrs Hughes) – 96%

McCartney (Mrs Hobson) – 96%

Da Vinci (Mrs Hopwood) – 95%

Wonder (Mrs Currie/Mrs Reeve – 94%

Bevan (Miss Poole) – 94%

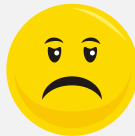
Walt Disney (Miss Milner) – 93%

Malala (Miss Cozens) – 93%

Newton (Mrs Milivojevic) – 92%

Lennon (Mrs Darwin) – 91%

Spielberg (Miss Jefferson) – 88%



Well done to Mr Russon's Class Bannister for the best attendance for Spring half-term 1 at 97%. The best attendance in February was a joint award of 96% for classes Peake, Warhol and Bannister.

- We have places in our 2 year old provision from Easter please let us know ASAP if you'd like a space.

- £53.70 raised for Barnardos Wear A Hat Day.

- Watch out for details about the new nursery 30 hour free entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds to see if you qualify.

Attendance in the Spotlight: Tackling Lateness

Since September 2016 as a school (not including Roarys) we have had 12605 minutes of missed learning, this equates to 35 full school days. These figures arise from children who arrive at school late.

As the winter season draws on and the mornings and evenings are still cold and dark, more and more children are arriving for school after 9am and occasionally after 9.30am. We are starting to hear various excuses for lateness which relate to alarms either not being set, or not going off and generally families just sleeping in!

We recognise that it is hard for everybody, staff, parents and children alike to get up early as the season changes but prompt attendance at school is a **MUST**, so please ensure that those batteries are checked, alarms are set and your children arrive on time.

If your child is having trouble getting to sleep, it is worth bearing in mind that latest studies show that using technology which have lit screens before bedtime, can disrupt sleep patterns by delaying the onset of sleep. Also, a late start to the day is unsettling for your child(ren) and for the rest of the class when they enter the classroom whilst the lesson is already in progress.

The following attendance points apply to all children in full-time school:-

- 8.50am – KS1 and KS2 door open – **CLASSES BEGIN**.
- 9.00am – Register attendance marks are recorded.
- 9.10am – Registers are closed – children arriving after this time are marked as LATE.
- **9.30am – children arriving after this time are marked as having an unauthorized mark for the entire morning which affects and lowers their overall attendance percentage.**

Attendance – Every Minute Counts

Arriving at 9.05	3 days lost
Arriving at 9.10am	6.5 days lost
Arriving at 9.15am	10 days lost
Arriving at 9.20am	13 days lost
Arriving at 9.30am	19 days lost

WARNING – As few as 19 missed days over the school year reduces a child's chances of success. SATs could drop by 1 grade across all subjects!

As a school, we will be taking a close look at lateness and how to address the issues around this including how children who do arrive late can make up for their lost learning time. Please look out for a letter coming home to all children (excluding Roarys) this half-term with further details.

Attendance Stars

The Fun Run in Goole provides our weekly attendance winner with a voucher worth £5 for a free play session at their establishment in Goole. Winning children will be presented with a letter and a voucher that they can exchange for a free play session. Well done to Poppie in Class Spielberg and Mikolaj in Class Newton who are the winners of the 100% attendance voucher for January. For further details visit The Fun Run <http://www.thefunrungoole.com/>.

Are your Children Equipped for the School Day?

Forest Schools

Please ensure that children participating in Forest Schools bring a set of warm clothes, gloves, hat and wellies (individually named and in a named bag) on the morning of the session. Waterproofs are provided by school.

- Year 1 classes Spielberg and Disney will be taking part every Wednesday until the 5th April 2017.

Swimming Lessons

Please ensure that children who have swimming lessons bring their towel, swimming costume (no bikinis) and £2 contribution on the morning of the session. Please remember to pay weekly and thank you to everybody who does.

- Year 3 Classes Wonder and Boudicca are having swimming lessons every Thursday until 6th April 2017.

Year 6 Visit to Houses of Parliament – Wednesday, 8th March 2017

Please look out for a final letter coming home regarding the timings of the day and further details. This is an exciting opportunity for the children to experience London and have a tour of the Houses of Parliament.

School Trips and Visits

Every year group has some exciting trips and visits to attend during the next half-term and your children will bring home letters for you to sign and send back permitting them to attend. Please look out for letters arriving home and ensure that you read them carefully, following any timings and dress-codes that are mentioned in the letters. Please also return the slips as soon as you can upon receipt of the letters. Thank you so much for your co-operation.

Parents'/Carers' Evenings

This January was our best attendance ever. In total we had 97% attendance which is the highest yet. The next parents' evening will be straight after Easter and we will run the same format again with both a daytime and after school option. As always if you have any concerns or comments about your child's progress then please talk to the class teacher, or make an appointment at the office.

Readathon – Helping Children

We are excited to announce that we will shortly be participating in 'Readathon' - the UK's national sponsored reading event for schools. As well as encouraging and inspiring the children to read for pleasure, it also raises money to help children in hospitals.

Our three week event will launch on March 1st and land two and a half weeks' later, on March 17th. Children will be given a sponsor form just after half term, so they can ask people they know to sponsor them.

Since 'Readathon' is really about developing a love and thirst for reading, we will be setting more time aside in school to run more extended than usual 'read for pleasure' sessions over the period. We will also be asking the children to record their 'Readathon' sessions at home as well and would appreciate your support in encouraging your children with this. Rather than sponsoring per book, we would recommend an overall total amount for sponsoring your child to take part in the event itself, placing the onus on their enjoyment and participation, instead of simply ticking off books read.

Before they begin the event, children will be asked to think about the books they intend to read or listen to. These can be recorded in the front of the sponsorship card as they go.

In line with our house points reward system, the children will also earn points for fully participating, with the winning team gaining a special prize.

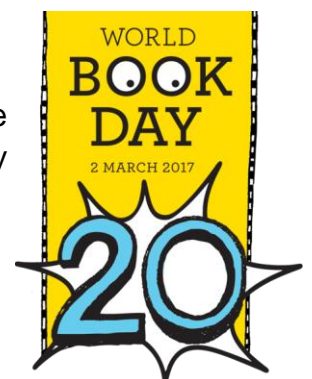
We look forward to hearing about all the exciting books that the children have been reading.

Internet Safety – Wednesday, 15th February 2017

The local Police held an Internet Safety information event on the above date which was highly advertised in school but unfortunately very poorly attended. The session offered lots of 'do's and don'ts' for parents and carers on how to help them keep their child safe whilst using online media. We know from experience in school that prevention is much better than cure and this is the same with regards to Internet Safety. We have various booklets relating to Internet and E:Safety which are available for parents/carers at the school office. If you would like a copy of the booklets, please call at the office. These booklets will also be available for you to view on the school website under the 'Useful Links' section.

World Book Day – Wednesday, 1st March 2017

We will be celebrating **World Book Day** on Wednesday 1st March during the afternoon in school where we are rotating classes so children can have a story read to them. The stories will be linked to their themed reading corner which will be launched in every class. Every child will receive a World Book Day Token that can be redeemed against the full cost of a book, or used to obtain a free book at any branch of WHSmith.



Student Updates

Thank you to everyone who has returned their forms already. It is not too late to return your completed form to the office if you have not yet done so.

Year 2 Needlecraft

Please see the fantastic efforts at needlecraft which were made by Michal and Archie in Year 2 during their lunchtimes with Mrs Hartas. They were produced with care and attention by the boys with the theme of aliens and animals.



Easter Egg Raffle

Tickets for the Easter Egg Raffle are on sale now from the school office at the cost of £1 a strip. Please see the photo below showing some of the 40 prizes that can be won.



Paediatric First Aid Opportunity – 20th and 22nd March 2017

Selby District AVS are facilitating the above course at Community House at a cost of £80 per person, including lunch and refreshments. The course can be attended by any person who wishes to gain a qualification in Paediatric First Aid. For further details, or to book a place please call 01757 291111 or call in person at Community House.

Queen's 90th Birthday Tree Planting

The Mayor of Selby, Steve Shaw-Wright came to join our School Council for a commemorative photograph with the tree which was donated to our school by Selby Town Council to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday.

Mayor Shaw-Wright said "It was a real pleasure to meet the School Council to take part in their question and answer session and record the planting of the schools Queen's birthday tree. I have been invited back to school to join the students for lunch which I am looking forward to".

