



## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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### Important Dates

#### Wednesday 29th January

Y6 Countryside Skills

#### Thursday 30th January

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#### Monday 3rd February

After School Clubs Begin (3:15-4:00pm)

#### Wednesday 5th February

KS1 Multi Skills Event

#### Thursday 6th February

Bake a Difference Cake Sale

#### Friday 7th February

Y4 In The Net at Park School 1.30pm

#### Tuesday 11th February

Air Ambulance Day—Wear red

#### Thursday 13th February

Book Swap  
PTFA Valentines Cake Sale

#### Friday 14th February

Y2 Class Assembly 2:30pm —Parents welcome  
Last Day of Term

### Year 4 Swimming

Swimming is back after half term and our Y4 children are up first.

They will start their lessons on Monday 24th February and will run for 5 weeks.

Letters have been sent home and you can make your contribution on Parent Pay or cash to the office.

Thank you to everyone who has already given their consent and payment.

### Lateness

Our school day begins at 8.55am and this is when lessons begin. The gates open at 8.45am to allow a soft start. It is really important that all children are in school and ready to learn at 8.55am, so that they do not miss any of their valuable learning opportunities.

Lateness in Primary School can have a significant impact on both the child and the classroom environment. When a child is late, they miss important parts of the school day, such as morning routines, key instructions or the start of lessons, which can leave them feeling unsettled and unprepared. Over time, frequent lateness can affect their academic progress, as consistent disruptions make it harder to grasp new concepts and develop good learning habits.

Lateness also impacts the wider class as interruptions can disrupt the flow of teaching and learning. Moreover, it can create additional work for teachers, who may need to repeat instructions or help latecomers catch up. Beyond academics, being late can affect a child's social relationships, as they miss out on valuable time to connect with peers during morning activities.

Punctuality helps children develop responsibility and respect for others time, setting them up for success in school and later life. Parents and carers play a vital role in promoting punctuality and ensuring children start the day calm, focused and ready to learn.

We are monitoring lateness and will be sending letters home if there are children who are regularly late.

## EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

MINUTES LATE PER DAY	EQUIVALENT OF MISSING	HOW MANY LESSONS THIS IS MISSED
5 MINUTES	3.4 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	17 LESSONS
10 MINUTES	6.9 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	35 LESSONS
15 MINUTES	10.3 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	51 LESSONS
20 MINUTES	13.8 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	69 LESSONS
30 MINUTES	20.7 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	104 LESSONS



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## Bake a Difference

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and as always, we will be doing some activities both on the classroom, and out.

One of our events will be a cake sale! This will be no ordinary cake sale though as on this occasion, the staff are going to provide the cake!

Everything will be priced at 20p and the children will be able to buy one treat each at breaktime!



We will set up a reminder but it will be cash only please.

## Learning With The Lords

Our Y6 class had an online lesson from Learning with the Lords this week.

Baroness Garden of Frognal who may also be referred to as Lady Garden, spoke to the children about her background and what it means to have the title Baroness or Lady.

She currently serves as Deputy Speaker of the House of Lords, but has a long history of other political posts.

After talking to the children about her role within politics and what it is like inside the House of Commons, they had a chance to ask their own questions.



The questions asked from our Y6 children were well thought out and on topic.



## Value Certificates

### Year Reception

**Ember** for being a wonderful writer by doing drawing club completely independently.

### Year 1

**Betty** for being a wonderful writer by writing a beautiful story based on The Three Little Pigs. She worked really hard and independently.

### Year 2

**Dylan** for being a wonderful writer by writing four sentences to describe a character called Toby.

### Year 3

**Daisy D** for being a wonderful geographer by identifying many physical geographical features of Italy.

### Year 4

**Elijah** has shown the value of resilience by working really hard in English, sharing brilliant ideas and writing his story independently.

### Year 5

**Lilia** has shown the value of responsibility for her learning and going for the extra mile in her own time.

### Year 6

**Elijah** for being a wonderful scientist by sharing lots of facts about evolution and inheritance.

## WELL DONE EVERYONE

### PTFA Corner

Our PTFA are looking for a couple more parents to help source raffle prizes for the Kings of King's Stanley later this year.

The raffle is one of the biggest things we organise and is a great fundraiser for us. There are already 2 parent volunteers signed up to source prizes so you won't be going it alone!

Please do let the PTFA or the school office know if this is something you can help with. Thank you!

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Don't forget our next cake sale is planned for the last week of term and is a 'Valentines' theme.

It's Y1 and Y4's turn to donate cakes for this one please! You 'knead' not bake if you are short on time or would just prefer not to, donations from the local supermarket also gratefully received.