



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates For Your Diary

Wednesday 19th March

Swimming Gala Trials—selected children Wildlife Quiz at Haresfield School 15:45

Friday 21st March

Y5 Skillzone Mother's Day Shopping—in school

Monday 24th March

Orienteering—in school KS2 NHS Screening—YR & Y6

Thursday 27th March Class & Y6 Leavers Photos Swimming Gala—selected children

Friday 28th March Y6 Mock Trials—selected children

Monday 31st March

Y3 Swimming Starts

Tuesday 1st April Parent's Wellbeing & Information Event 15:15

Thursday 3rd April Experience Easter—details to follow

Friday 4th April Y3 Violin Concert 9.30am—Parents Welcome

Monday 7th April Y4 Clarinet Concert 9.30am—Parents Welcome

Tuesday 8th April Y5 Easter Service—times and details to be confirmed ASAP

Thursday 10th April Book Swap—in the classroom

Friday 11th April Reception Class Assembly 14:30 Last Day of Term

Uniform Policy

As the temperature warms over the course of this term, (hopefully) please can we remind you to label all items of uniform. Particularly jumpers, cardigans and hoodies.

Our pile of lost property is already quite large and with the warmer weather, outer layers are often removed outside and forgotten. If the clothing is named, we will always ensure it gets back to the correct peg!

A reminder that long hair should be tied up. Not only does it help prevent the spread of headlice, but it is also a health & safety issue. Long hair can easily be caught by other children or tangled in the play equipment. For reference, long hair is considered any length where a small ponytail is possible and applies to both boys and girls.

The winter boots will soon be packed away to be replaced with school shoes, and before we know it, sandals! Sandals should have proper straps and be secure on the feet. Please do not send children to school in backless shoes/sandals, sliders or crocs.

Trainers should only be worn to school on PE days and should be a suitable sports or running style trainer. Please don't send children to school wearing high tops or fashion trainers.

Our Uniform Policy can be found on our website and sets out clear expectations. If you are unsure on any aspect, please speak to the office.

Year 3 Swimming

Year 3 will begin their 5 week block of swimming lessons on Monday 31st March.

Lessons take place at Stratford Park and the children are taken there and back by coach.

Please ensure you have returned your slip to the office, before Thursday 27th March.

Thank you for all the payments received so far.

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Teaching Update

We are delighted to share that both Mrs Dougherty (Y4) and Mrs Stewart (Y1), will be returning after the Easter Break.

Miss Bird and Miss Hodson will continue to teach Y4 & Y1 until the end of this term. We would like to thank both of them for their hard work, and for ensuring a smooth transition for the children.

They have both been fantastic in their respective roles and will be greatly missed by the children and the staff.

Atlas Athletics

Another week, another Atlas sporting event.

This time it was an athletics event for some of our Y5 and Y6 children.

There was a range of activities for the children to participate in. Some individual events, pairs and a 4 way relay.

As always, the children worked extremely well together and were fantastic cheerleaders. We saw some fantastic jumping, running and overall sportsmanship. Well done everyone.



Outdoor Toys

We are on the hunt for toys and accessories to help create an improved outdoor play area.

Things that we are looking for initially are:

- Cars, diggers, tractors
- Dolls
- Big duplo blocks
- Dinosaurs
- Farm animals
- Picnic blankets

If you are having a clear out of any of the above or think you may have something else suitable, please let us know. Thank you.

Value Certificates

Year Reception

Fliss has shown the value of <u>respect</u> by being a very helpful member of the class. She is often tidying up mess she didn't make, and is always willing to help her friends if needed.

Year 1

Charlie for being a wonderful <u>storyteller</u> by retelling the story of Little Red Riding Hood beautifully and with lots of expression.

Year 2

Denis for being a wonderful <u>reader</u> by making huge improvements in his fluency, phonics and moving up a book band.

Year 3

Alice for being a wonderful <u>writer</u> by using the 'Pobble' picture prompt to create a super piece of writing about an astronaut lost in space.

Year 4

Evie H has shown the 3R's by being a <u>resilient</u> learner, a <u>responsible</u> member of the class, and always showing <u>respect</u> to her friends and teachers.

Year 5

Freyja for being a wonderful <u>mathematician</u> by working hard to solve fraction problems and showing <u>resilience</u>.

Year 6

Bella has shown incredible <u>responsibility</u> for her own learning. She consistently asks questions to enhance her depth of understanding, and is always looking for ways to improve her work.

WELL DONE EVERYONE

Upcoming Parent Event!

Join us after school (3.15pm) on Tuesday 1st April, for a Parent Wellbeing & Information Evening.

Arranged by our FSW, you can expect to see stalls and information tables covering different areas of support for parents. There really will be something for everyone!

If you are planning to attend, please let the office know so we can get a general idea of numbers.

Thank you!

