



Happy New Year and welcome back to the Spring Term. I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

We are looking forward to seeing you all during the parent consultations on the 22nd and 23rd January where you will be able to see your child's work and speak to the class teacher about their progress and attainment. Your appointment slips should be with you next week.

This term's topics are:

- Reception: Growth
- Year 1: Pirates
- Year 2: Toys
- Year 3/4: Romans
- Year 5: Natural Disasters
- Year 6: Evolution and Inheritance – linked to Science

We are excited that all the children this term will be visiting the Library, this should be an enjoyable visit and we hope that we can inspire more children to visit the library in the future.

On Monday some children will be attending the trust Spelling Bee competition at Merrylands; we wish them all the very best of luck.

Have a lovely weekend.


Mrs N Kemp  
Headteacher

**Dates:**

**January**

- 15th—Spelling Bee Competition (selected children)
- 16th—Birch class visit to local library
- 18th— Reception children to visit local library
- 19th—Willow class visit to local library
- 19th—Year 2 Toy Workshop (in school)
- 22nd—Parent Consultations 3.30-6pm
- 23rd—Parent Consultations 3.30-7pm
- 25th—Ash and Pine class visit to local library
- 25th—Rose class visit to local library
- 25th—Year 5 Activity afternoon
- 30th—Young Voices (KS2 choir) at O2

**Non pupil dates—29th March and 25th May 2018**



**Reception**


Reception have enjoyed their first week back at school. We have all loved The tiger who came to tea story and have written lists of our favourite food and made story maps. We have enjoyed making fruit kebabs and having our first gym trail in the hall. We are learning all about growing and staying healthy. We are looking forward to our library visit on Thursday.

**Year 5**

Year 5 have been working exceptionally hard on their free verse poems this week, which they were excited to perform to each other on Friday. In Maths we have been looking at fractions.

**Afterschool Clubs**

All after school clubs have now started, look out for football fixtures, netball fixtures and we can't wait to hear the Key Stage 2 choir sing at the O2 and see what the sewing club children create!



**Wall of Achievement**

**Week of 8th January**



- Buttercup Class—Harry B
- Daffodil Class—Shaun C
- Primrose Class—Freddie C
- Bluebell Class—Poppy E
- Rose Class—Eliza B-E
- Tulip Class—Amelia C
- Orchid Class—Samuel C/ Rory E
- Lavender Class— Millie M
- Sunflower Class—Vinnie P
- Ash Class—Jack P
- Beech Class—Mikey H
- Birch Class—Maddison M
- Pine Class—Sophie S
- Willow Class—Summer H
- Olive Class—Brooke B
- Elm Class—Johnde H
- Elder Class—Vinnie M
- Oak Class—Aaron N



**Reminders**

All after school clubs have now started, Spanish and Times Tables clubs finish at 3.45pm, the remainder of Key Stage 1 clubs finish at 4 and Key Stage 2 clubs finish at 4.15pm. Please make sure that you are on time to collect your child(ren).

Reception visit to library—we are looking for some parent volunteers to walk with the children and school adults to/from the local library on 18th January. If you are interested please speak to the Reception teachers.

There has been a change to the menu on the Monday of week 3, the meal will now be Lasagne and not build a wrap.

**Reading Session**

Each year group will be holding a reading session on, 2.40-3.00 for Reception and KS1 and 2.55-3.15 for KS2.

This session will be for you to share a story with your child- they can read to you or you can read to them. The class teacher will be sharing example questions we ask when we read with the children, some reading activities and games and some phonics tips, games and pronunciation (if that is appropriate to your child's year group).

Please enter through your child's class door.

It would be lovely to see as many families as possible and hope that you can take the time to come and join in on the dates below.

Year Group	Date	Time
Nursery AM	Monday 29th January	11.20am
Nursery PM	Friday 2nd February	2.30pm
Year 1	Wednesday 24th January	2.40-3.00pm
Year 2	Thursday 25th January	2.40-3.00pm
Year 3/4	Thursday 31st January	2.55-3.15pm
Year 5	Tuesday 6th February	2.55-3.15pm
Year 6	Thursday 1st February	2.55-3.15pm

**Attendance and Punctuality**

It is vitally important that children arrive to school on time and ready to learn. We would like to bring to your attention that children arriving after 9.20am will be marked down as an unauthorised absence which can result in a referral to Essex County and a possible fine. We would really appreciate your help in making sure children attend school on time and we will be contacting parents for persistent lateness.



The winners of the Attendance this week were—KS1 Bluebell class with 95.5% and KS2 Elm class with 97.9%. The overall school attendance is 87.2%; our target is 96% so would really appreciate your help in achieving this.

We are now running a team point system across the school this weeks results are as follows—

- 1st place—Blue
- 2nd place—Green
- 3rd place—White
- 4th place—Red

