

19th January 2024

FRIDAY NEWS

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Message from Mrs Pearson

Thank you to parents/carers who supported the decision to open school at 10.30am on Wednesday 17th January due to safety concerns.

Due to the weather, on Tuesday evening, our KS1 KANGA After School Club had to be cancelled. Can I please reassure parents/carers that the cancelled session will be re-scheduled to take place after the half-term holidays.

This week, I took the opportunity to pop into classrooms to see what children are busy learning about as we start the new Spring Term.

Our youngest children in Ladybird Class having been enjoying using their new story-snug. Children have enjoyed stories with friends, both traditional tales and modern twists. Nursery children have also been learning all about instruments with strings.

In Butterfly Class children have been busy with their phonics and writing. They have also enjoyed looking at 'We are Going on a Bear Hunt' and creating their very own beautiful water colour forest pictures.

Children in Hedgehog have been comparing the printing press to e-mails. This created lots of questions from children and lots of interesting discussion.

Unfortunately, this week Mrs Cryer has not been in school due to illness. Mrs Cryer is hoping to be back in school as soon as she can. Children have looked at materials in Science and enjoyed music and sports activities.

In Badger Class children have been busy learning all about different states of matter in Science. In History, children have looked at how the monarchy has changed in Britain throughout history.

Meanwhile in Fox Class, children have been looking at 'crowns' across the world. Children have also started to design their own crowns. In maths, children are learning all about fractions.

Our oldest children in Owl Class have been exploring characters in reading. In maths they have been

learning all about mixed number and improper fractions. Meanwhile, in history, children have looked at crime and punishment throughout history.

Children have now been sent home with a Bag2School collection bag! Bag2School events help to raise important funds for the school; Why not take the opportunity to have a wardrobe clear out and help raise funds at the same time? Can we remind parents/carers that collection bags can include adult and children's clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, soft toys, bedding, curtains and towels. Please do not put uniforms, duvets, pillows or cushions into collection bags. Additional collection bags are available from the school office. Can filled bags please be dropped off to the reception area in school by 9.00am on the 8th February – please do not drop bags off before this date. THANK YOU

Remember, next Thursday from 2.45pm in the Community Room, parents/carers of all children are invited to join in with a Coffee and Cake get-together. This is a lovely opportunity to meet with both other parents/carers and members of staff. All parents/carers are also invited to join in with Celebration Assembly on Friday 26th January at 3.00pm.

Can I just say thank you to everyone for all their support with the school's Facebook plea that was posted earlier this week. We have been very fortunate to have been gifted a couple of donations, and information about where the school can apply for financial support towards the cost of providing both residential and non-residential trips for children.

Finally, are you able to help Mrs Coyle with her Play Therapy? Mrs Coyle is looking for donations of dolls, toy figures, houses, garages etc... We are also looking for someone who might be able to help re-secure our playground bins to their fittings.... This might involve mixing some concrete! Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend.

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Monday 22nd January 2024

Crunchy Topped Mac 'n' Cheese
Cheesy Bean loaded Potato Skins
Jacket Potato

Tuesday 23rd January 2024

Sausage and Mash
Vegetable Hot Pot
Jacket Potato

3.30pm KANGA Sports After School Club : Invited
children (2/5) – KS1

Wednesday 24th January 2024

Minced Beef and Dumplings
Cheesy Leek Croquette
Jacket Potato

Thursday 25th January 2024

Harry Ramsdens Battered Fish
Chessy Bean Burger
Jacket Potato

2.45pm Parent Coffee and Cake Meeting

3.30pm SportsCool After School Club (3,4,5 and 6)

Friday 26th January 2024

**Fun Day Friday : all children invited to join in with a
school lunch**

Chicken Nuggets
Cheese Whirl
Jacket Potato

1.00pm FOX Class Swimming Lessons

3.00pm Celebration Assembly (all parents)

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Join us to navigate the
bumpy road of parenting
together!

building trust
communication
setting boundaries
family relationships

Starts Friday 19th January
initially for 5 weeks until
Friday 9th February 2024

Arrive after school
drop-off for tea & coffee

Session starts at
9:30am until 11am

All parents/ carers welcome
Refreshments provided

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Safeguarding Information – Keeping Children Safe

Safe around roads

*“One act of bad driving robbed the world of a beautiful, intelligent
and caring young person. Our lives have been turned upside down
by our daughter's death.”*

Bereaved Dad whose daughter was killed in a car accident

It can be hard knowing how best to teach your child to stay safe.
Here we help you to break it down and keep it simple.



Pedestrians – younger children

- Get young children into the habit of holding your hand or use walking reins
- Ask questions while you're out to help them understand simple ideas like 'fast' and 'slow'
- You can start teaching the Green Cross Code from age five, encouraging children to stop, look, listen and think
- But they won't always remember safety rules, especially if they're excited or spot a friend across the road
- Children will copy what you do, so try to avoid stepping into the road without checking for traffic first. If you can do the right thing, it will help them get into good habits.



Pedestrians – older children

- Children find it difficult judging the speed and distance of traffic until they're at least eight. Accidents peak around 12, as children start making independent journeys
- Children learn by doing and practising. If they're moving to a new school, help them practise the route over the holidays. Where are the safe places to cross? What should they do if they see their bus and they're on the other side of the road?
- They can be mesmerised by their mobiles, so remind them not to talk or text on their phones or listen to music while crossing the road.



In the car

- Make sure your car seat is the right one for your child's height and weight and for your car - not all seats fit all cars



Cycling

- Get your child into the habit of wearing their helmet. If you cycle as a family, remember to wear yours too
- Look out for cycle training. Many schools offer courses to help children gain practical skills.



Driving

- speed is everything when it comes to a child's chances of survival. They're 3.5 times more likely to die if hit by a car doing between 30-40 mph.
- Keep an eye on your speed
- Keep your phone in the glove compartment so it can't distract you.

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