



January Newsletter

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back, I hope you enjoyed the Christmas break. I would like to wish you and your family a happy and healthy 2020. We will be adding to our celebrations of attendance, punctuality, effort and achievement during our Shining Stars assembly by recognising those that go above and beyond in terms of kindness. Children who are spotted by staff being kind will be put into the Golden Book and acknowledged in assembly.

The children have now completed one term of this academic year. They are settled and aware of expectations and their targets. This spring term is a time to stay focused, work hard with effort and determination. Please encourage your child to give things a try, challenge themselves and praise them for not giving up. We want all our children to reach their potential. Look out for the dates of the Parent Interviews to check on your child's progress.

We look forward to working with you once again this term.

Yours sincerely

J. E. Gregg
Mrs J E Gregg
Headteacher



Help Wanted!

Are you able to give up 45 minutes (8.00am to 8.45am) one morning a week to help toast and butter bagels for our children?

Why not bring a friend?! Please see Miss Jackson in the office if you are interested.



Tuck Money Spring Term

Tuck money is now due if you opt to pay termly at a discounted rate. £15.00 (saving £3.00) will cover tuck from Monday 6th January until Friday 3rd April. We would prefer online payment via the School Gateway however cash/cheque can also be paid in at the office. Weekly tuck is £1.50 and payable on a Monday.

Christmas Fundraising

A total of £992.80 was raised at the Christmas Fair and £446.54 at the Christmas Bingo. Thank you to everyone who supported these events. All the money raised will go towards subsidising school visits and school equipment.

Over the Christmas period we have also raised money for other causes:

- Sale of Beanies for Halton Haven (Amount TBC by Halton Haven)
- £214.50 from Christmas silver collections for Halton Haven
- £142.00 from Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children
- £192.50 for Children In Need Own Clothes Day & Bacon Bagels

Swimming

Year 3 - Thursdays
Year 4 - Fridays

Sessions start this week



Premier Sports Gymnastics Club - Spring Term



Premier Sports continue to offer gymnastics after school club on a Thursday. The cost for the Spring term is £25.00. Club will start this week on **Thursday 9th January and finish on Thursday 2nd April.**

This club is open to all year groups but places are limited. Please pay online via the School Gateway or at the school office. Places are allocated on a first come, first served basis once payment is received.

Online Payments

Schoolgateway



A reminder that all dinner money must now be paid online through the School Gateway. All other items (trips, uniform, tuck etc) can be paid online or at the school office by cash or cheque.

Paperless Communication



A reminder we no longer send out paper copies of newsletters and letters. All communication is sent by email. If you are not receiving any communications please update the office with your email address.

Spring Term Dates

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fri 14th Feb - Own Clothes Day (Easter Egg Donation) • Fri 14th Feb - Break Up • Mon 24th Feb - School Returns • Mon 2nd Mar - Y5 Crucial Crew Trip • Tue 3rd Mar - Y6 Parent Interviews (1.30pm - 6.30pm) • Wed 4th Mar - Y4 Smoke Tent • Thu 5th Mar - World Book Day |  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fri 6th Mar - Y4 Catalyst Residential Visit • w/c 9th Mar - Sports Relief Week • Tue 17th Mar - Whole School Film Night (3pm to 5pm) • Tue 24th Mar - YR-Y5 Parent Interviews (1.30pm - 7.00pm) • Wed 1st Apr - Easter Bingo (6.00pm) • Fri 3rd April - Break Up  |
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Drop & Go Area

Please can we remind you that the 'Drop & Go' area should be used for drop off only, please do not use the area for parking. Please also ensure the disabled space for drop off is also kept clear at all times.

Absence Reporting

In the event that your child will be absent from school please ensure you advise us at the earliest opportunity. **Absences should be reported by calling the office on 01928 712100 and leaving a message on the absence line (option 2).** If you do not inform us why your child is absent we will telephone you to find out why. If we are unable to confirm the reason for absence, it will be recorded as unauthorised.

Reception Starters 2020

Please be advised that if your child is due to start school in September 2020 you will need to apply for a school place. **The closing date is 15th January 2020.**

Applications need to be made via Halton Borough Council at the following address: www.halton.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Keep Up to Date



After School Clubs

Letters will be sent home soon for clubs on offer this term. Clubs will start w/c 20th Jan and finish on Friday 20th Mar.

Weekly Events

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| Adult Dancerise Tuesday 6.00pm - 7.00pm | Stay & Play Information to follow soon | Hatha Yoga Wednesday 5.30pm - 6.45pm |
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Attendance 2019/2020

Rewards for 2019/2020:

Big Screen Treat 96%+

All children with attendance of 96%+ will be invited to a film screening in the school hall with popcorn and juice.

Cinema Visit 99%+

All children with attendance of 99%+ will be treated to a cinema visit and invited to take part in the Big Screen Treat.

Gift Voucher 100%

All children with 100% attendance will receive a gift voucher, cinema visit and invited to take part in the Big Screen Treat.

Half Termly Punctuality Raffles

Throughout the year we will hold focus weeks for punctuality. All children arriving on time every day during these weeks will be entered into a prize draw for a voucher.

Currently on **100%** = 25 pupils

Currently on **99%-99.9%** = 5 pupils

Currently on **96%+** = 44 pupils

Currently working towards 96% = 118 pupils

Figures as at the end of the Autumn term



Term Dates 2019/2020

| Term Dates 2019/2020 | |
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| AUTUMN 2019 | |
| Opening | Closing |
| Thursday 5 th September | Thursday 24 th October |
| Monday 4 th November | Friday 20 th December |
| SPRING 2020 | |
| Opening | Closing |
| Monday 6 th January | Friday 14 th February |
| Monday 24 th February | Friday 3 rd April |
| SUMMER 2020 | |
| Opening | Closing |
| Monday 20 th April | Friday 22 nd May |
| Wednesday 3 rd June | Wednesday 22 nd July |
| INSET DAYS x 5 | |
| Wednesday 4 th September 2019, Friday 25 th October 2019. | |
| Monday 1 st June 2020, Tuesday 2 nd June & Friday 10 th July 2020 | |
| BANK HOLIDAYS | |
| Friday 8 th May 2020 | |