



February Newsletter

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

E-Safety continues to be a focus for school. We have recently been involved in staff and pupil training led by Cheshire Constabulary. Lacie and Taylor in Year 6 have been chosen to be this year's E-Safety Officers. They will advise pupil with the support of staff how to keep safe when using the internet. We will of course continue to share on our website the most up to date information to ensure you can support us to keep your children safe. Please remember to monitor your children's phone and their internet use.

I am delighted to report that school will be part of a major art display in the shopping city alongside other local primary schools in Halton. The display will be available to view from 4pm on 10th February. All classes have been involved and it will be well worth a visit

A reminder that school finishes for February half term on Friday 14th February and reopens on Monday 24th February.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J E Gregg
Headteacher



Bicycles & Scooters Left Outside School

There is an increasing number of bikes and scooters being left at the front of school by the blue gates. **Please can we remind you that this area is to be kept clear.** All bikes and scooters should be taken to the shared bike shed by St Martins. Thank you for your support.

Tuck & Visit Money

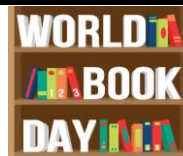
There remains to be outstanding tuck money across all classes. We would appreciate payment as soon as possible. Please ensure payments are up to date for Cardiff and Catalyst visits. Your child may be at risk of losing their place if payments are not up to date. Thanks.

World Book Day - Thursday 5th March

Children will be asked to come to school dressed as a book character for **World Book Day on Thursday 5th March.**

There will be lots of other activities taking place that week - look out for our emails!

We look forward to seeing some great characters!



Own Clothes Day - Fri 14th Feb



In return for an Easter egg donation children will be able to wear their own clothes on Friday 14th February. Eggs can be brought into school or handed in at the office.

Y6 Parent Interviews

Parent Interviews for Year 6 will take place earlier than the other classes on **Tuesday 3rd March from 1.30pm to 6.30pm.**

Appointments can be booked online through the school website or School Spider app or by calling into the school office.

Bookings for Year 6 will open on Thursday 13th February at 9.00am and will close on Monday 2nd March.

Online Payments

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.

Emails

All communication is now sent home by email. If you are not receiving any information please update the office with your email address. Paper copies are also available from the office

Y4 Catalyst Museum Visit

The balance for this visit needs to be paid in full by Friday 8th February. Please pay online or at the office. The parent meeting will take place on **Tuesday 11th February at 2.30pm.**



Shining Stars



Congratulations to the shining stars of January. The following children are to be congratulated for receiving the award for their efforts in and outside the classroom:

Freddie H, Mia R, Logan C, Mason F, Aoife, Gary, Calvin, Ryley M, Ava C, Kyra, Lily Br, Zoe, Leo, Lillie, Layla H, Zain Laila F, Ava-Mae, Leo L, Noah, Riley K, Isabella, Kayden, Cerys, Ryan B, Ollie-Joseph, Kadie & Kian.

Spring Term Dates

- Tue 4th Feb - Y6 Parent Workshop SAT's 2.30pm
- Fri 7th Feb - KS2 Rugby Event
- Tue 11th Feb - Y4 Catalyst Parent Meeting 2.30pm
- 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
- 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 (2.00pm - 7.00pm)
- Wed 1st Apr - Easter Bingo (6.00pm)
- Fri 3rd April - Break Up



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.

February Half Term Activities

HBC are running the following activities over half term:

Sports Camp at Kingsway Leisure Centre. The cost is £10.00 a day. The camp will run Tuesday 18th to Thursday 20th from 9am - 3pm. To register please contact Kingsway Leisure Centre.

Football - Friday 21st Feb 10am to 12pm at Frank Myler Pavilion, Widnes and 1pm to 3pm at The Heath Business Park, Runcorn. No charge for this event.

Keep Up to Date



After School Clubs

Clubs will run until on Friday 20th March. For any clubs with 2 groups, groups will change over after the half term break.

Breakfast Club

A reminder that school is a National Schools Breakfast Programme School and all pupils are welcome to join us for a great start to the day.

- Children arriving at Breakfast Club between 7.30am and 8.15am will pay a £1 entrance fee only and this covers a free breakfast.
- Children arriving at Breakfast Club between 8.15am and 8.45 will not be charged and will be offered a free breakfast.
- Breakfast bagels will be offered to all children in the classroom free of charge from 8.45am to 9.00am

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:

100% = 25 pupils **99%-99.9%** = 5 pupils
96%+ = 44 pupils Working towards 96% = 118 pupils

Figures as at the end of the Autumn term



Term Dates 2019/2020

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	

Term dates for 2020/2021 will be available soon