

20th January 2023 - No. 441

A message from Mrs Bone, Deputy Headteacher

I can hardly believe that we are already half way through this term. Thank you for your continued support of the school and for sharing ideas for improvements that we could make as a school. We rely on you, as our trusted parent community, to guide us with this. Thank you also to those parents who have had the opportunity to respond to our survey about the school newsletter and what you would like to read about. It is a super short survey so please help us by completing this if you have any available time over the weekend.

As ever, it has been a busy and creative week in school and I have really enjoyed popping into classes to share the amazing work the children have enjoyed with their teaching teams. Year 6 have been researching mummification and now hold many interesting and gruesome facts which they have been very keen to share! Year 5 have produced some fabulous art work based on their main class text – Odysseus. I hope you have the chance to see these at Parent Consultations at the end of next term. Overall this is a busy term for Year 5 as they have also started their swimming sessions; they are clearly working very hard in the pool as they are very tired by the end of the day.

It was my pleasure to also spend some time with Year 4 during their science experiments on electricity and with Year 2 who were painting stones using their own pattern and design. We are enormously proud of the children and how they are able to explain their learning and ideas so clearly. This term we have also launched our National Tutoring offer with Mr Taylor as our school Academic Mentor. We are very excited about the power and impact of this in order to support the children to fulfil their potential and to enjoy success.

I hope that you have a wonderful weekend and invaluable family time and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday. The weather promises to be a little warmer but please ensure that your child has a coat with them every day.

Outdoor Learning Sessions

Monday 23rd January - 2H
Wednesday 25th January - Year R

Please ensure your child brings into school a pair of named wellies and a named waterproof coat. Also named hats and gloves in the colder weather

Things to Remember

Year 6 – It will be PE block week next week only on Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th. Children will be doing Tag Rugby out on the field where it will be muddy. Please ensure that they bring their outdoor PE Kit which includes trainers, jogging bottoms and a fleece or a jumper with no hood. Please ensure your child brings their PE kit into school in a named drawstring bag.

Dates for the Diary

26.01.23 - 3S Class Assembly
07.02.23 - Internet Safety Day
09.02.23 - 5R Class Assembly
09.02.23 - Y2 SATS Parent Meeting
10.02.23 - Y6 Magistrates Visit
10.02.23 - Mr Taylor's Quiz Night
13th – 17th Feb – Half Term
20.02.23 - No School - Inset Day
21.02.23 - Y6 SATS Parent Meeting
09.03.23 - 1A Class Assembly
22.03.23 - Parents Evening
23.03.23 - Parents Evening

ACHIEVEMENTS

Learning Award

RB Fearne B, RCG Omolayo A, 1A Ellie H,
1M Laura R, 2H Adriana H, 2S Elizabeth M,
3G Ava W, 3S Bella R, 4K Koen AG,
4M Bobby M, 5F Amelia B, 5R Jack B,
6C Raife M, 6N Dawood A

Value Award

RB Sophia W, RCG Vito C, 1A Daniel P,
1M Niamh C, 2H Derin A, 2S Ocean C,
3G Thomas C, 3S Elmira W, 4K Freya L,
4M Tanish K, 5F Maisy B, 5R Maisie R,
6C Harley P

Outdoor Learning Award

RCG Amara V, RB Benjamin R



CLASS READING AWARD

2S

Highest Read Minutes

House Points

Beckett	2193
Dickens	2263
Churchill	2280
Harvey	1942
Holmes	2160
Shakespeare	2183

CONGRATULATIONS TO

CHURCHILL

This week's winners

School News

Industrial Action – As many of you will be aware many school staff unions have voted recently about industrial action. The NEU (largest teachers union) has passed the threshold needed to take lawful industrial action. We recognise that this is essentially a dispute between unions and the government rather than with the school/Trust itself and we support the right of staff to belong to a trade union and take part in lawful industrial action. We appreciate the apprehension this may cause parents and are currently working with staff to have a clear way through this situation. We will inform parents as soon as we have more information to share.

Parking - Please remember that the drop off area is for drop off only not for parking and coming on site. Please do not drop off in the carpark it is a huge H&S issue and is dangerous.

Year 2 Learning

Year 2 have had great fun exploring the continent of Africa this week in their Geography and English lessons. This has involved exploring in more detail the country of Nigeria and comparing it to the UK. We have been so lucky to use the expertise of the parents of some children in Year 2 as well as other staff members to enhance our learning with real-life pictures, artefacts and stories from the continent. This really brought it all to life for the children so a big thank you to them for their kindness.



Year R Learning



In Year R, there was an alien invasion! The cheeky aliens left a big pile of slime and threw their pants around the classroom. We wrote to them to tell them to stop.

