



Believe Enjoy Strive Succeed



Principal Comments

With soaring temperatures, we eagerly await the joys of the summer term. The next two terms enable the whole school to embrace our beautiful grounds and absorb the awe and wonder we have around us. With the Easter story reminding us of the miracle that brought Jesus back to life, let us remind ourselves of the miracle of life around us in its many forms. How many different forms can you think of?

This term has already started with raised temperatures. Our wonderful reception children have had a treasure hunt on the beach and found a message in a bottle. The young pirates had a wonderful time and modelled exemplary behaviour. The Y6 children are studiously preparing themselves for the up coming SATS exams. I know the team in Y6 have taught with the upmost determination for them to succeed and the pupils have responded well. As the Principal of the school, I can say with great confidence that the children are ready. It is up to us as teachers and parents now to encourage them to approach the tests with courage and confidence and to remind them that there is life after!

Y2 are also preparing for their first assessments. I am so proud of them in the way they have transformed their approaches to learning and the productivity they have shown. The teachers are always celebrating with me the wonderful writing and cross curricular work they complete. Thank you!

The term also started with a virtual tour of the world thanks to some great planning by Miss Hughes in Y5. Y5 walked through a rainforest, Y6 swam in the ocean. Much to their delight, Y3 took a journey through a virtual digestive system! Y4 trudged through the war trenches in preparation for their learning on WW2.

I cannot believe how much we have covered so far this year and we still have two terms left. Sports days, discos and summer fetes are all on the horizon!

Forest School:

Forest School sessions have continued all winter in a range of different weathers. The only times the weather has stopped us going out is when it was severely cold or very windy. Now we are beginning to enjoy the lovely spring weather, as the forest area comes back to life again.

The children have been busy all winter making different objects out of wood, from reindeer to hedgehogs.

They have enjoyed lots of hot chocolate by the fire and have been excited to see the popcorn popping in the one design popcorn maker made by Mrs. Judd.

This year's addition to the Forest School has been a rope bridge and the children have had lots of fun playing together on this.

The sessions have also supported their classroom learning by improving their teamwork and communications skills with different and interesting challenges, which you may have seen on Facebook.

Finally, we have been extremely lucky to have had 315 trees delivered from the Woodland Trust which have been planted around the Forest School area to improve the sustainability of the woodland in the school.

Attendance:

Thank you so much for your continued support in raising attendance. We are still averaging just below 97%, which is just wonderful and shows a real determination from us all to improve the school. Our last Ofsted inspection showed attendance to be weak and we have responded true to our values; Strive and Succeed. If we make it through to the end of the year above 97%, I'll buy ice creams for everyone (sugar free of course!)

Staffing:

You will have noticed a few new faces around the school. We have had several student teachers in school over the last few terms and they have all been great. This term we have Miss Karmyzan and Miss Parnell. They will be working in Y1 and Y2.

Mrs. O'Grady and Miss Gardiner are also working in Y5 at the minute due to staff sickness and absence. They are amazing teachers and as soon as I am able to update the parents on this situation, I will. If you would like me speak to me in person then please do, it is far more helpful this way and can clarify assumptions quickly.

Worship:

We have been reflecting on the Values of Friendship and Believe this term. The children are really getting the idea that if we believe we can, then we are half way there and that by putting faith in ourselves and others we can achieve great things.

Trevor North, NPQH

A L E R T !!!

This is a message for all parents and children. In Term 6, you have been invited to show off your Number Ninja skills. You will need to practice over the coming weeks to ensure your number knowledge is up to scratch.

We have already uncovered one Ninja in school and it's time to add to our ranks.

I recommend that you use Mathletics to practice your tables ready to WOW your teachers.

I can't wait to see who becomes the best in the class, best in the year group and best in the overall school!

Are you ready??

Term Dates

Bank Holiday: Monday 7th May

End of Term 5: Friday 25th May

Start of Term 6: Monday 4th June

End of Term 6: Tuesday 24th July