



# Newsletter April 2024

We have made a fantastic start back at school and have lots of things happening over the coming weeks.

## Diary Dates

- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - National Dental Survey for participating children aged 5 (children participating should have received and returned forms to school)
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May - Class Group photographs – No Tai Chi today.
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Olympic Athlete visiting school and nursery
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Parrot Class parent/carer lunch – please arrive at school to attend the lunch for 11:15 that morning. You need to book yourself a lunch if you intend to eat a school lunch, if you are bringing your own lunch, you do not need to book. Parents having a school lunch please pay on the School Gateway app which will book you a place. This will close on the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024.
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – last day of school & nursery as on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May school & nursery is closed for Inset Training
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – school & nursery closed for Inset Training – no school & nursery today
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – school & nursery closed for Inset Training – no school & nursery today
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June – return to school and nursery after half term
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Year 1 school trip to the Butterfly House – a letter to follow
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July - Year 2 trip to Wheelgate – a letter to follow

## Nursery Parent/Carer Meetings

Mrs Butler will be holding Parent/Carer meetings on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June. Meetings will be held in Nursery's Quiet Room. Please book an appointment using the link below which remain open until the 21<sup>st</sup> of June. [You book a meeting by clicking here.](#)

## Front of school

Please be mindful that sometimes visitors might be trying to access the carpark in the morning before we open the gates at 8:20am. Please can you ensure that children waiting to come into school remain with you, so they are safe. Thank you.

## Attendance

You might have seen on the news that the government is focused on improving attendance in schools and has recently updated the guidelines and advice for all schools to follow. Gates open 10 minutes before the start of the school day (8.20am) and we do thank you for your support in ensuring your child is in school by 8.30am which is when the register is taken, ready for a prompt start to lessons. We do understand that sometimes children might be unavoidably late due to unforeseen circumstances and please understand when a child arrives after 8.30am we have to mark the reason for this on the register. If you need support or advice in relation to attendance or punctuality, please feel free to contact us and we will be happy to help.

## Online Safety

**Internet Matters six tips for keeping children safe while online gaming** internet matters.org

- 1** Take an active interest in the games your children are playing to get to grips with how they work and why they enjoy playing them
- 2** Ask who they play with online, who they meet and talk to, and talk about what kind of language is being used. Make sure your child knows how to do report abusive or anti-social behaviour
- 3** For younger children, use 'airplane' mode settings on your tablet or smartphone. That way, they can play offline without making accidental purchases or connecting with someone they don't know
- 4** Use PEGI ratings and App store ratings to ensure your children are playing age appropriate games. Help children understand why some games are allowed and others aren't
- 5** Gaming can be very addictive, so agree boundaries and how long they're allowed to play for and with whom they are allowed to play online with. Remind them that people may hide behind fake profiles and not be who they say they are
- 6** Teach your children to protect themselves by thinking critically – remind them not to share personal information and to keep gaming friends in the game only rather than adding them to their other social networks

Internet Matters offers these tips for keeping safe online while playing games.

You can help your child stay safe online by ensuring that you have set up parental control on shared devices including ipads and phones-

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

It is important to be aware that although every child has a unique experience, watching scary films or watching older children play games with violent or scary themes, can impact upon children's emotions and feelings later in time.



## Clubs

- Monday – Football Club
- Thursday – Gymnastics
- Friday – Dance

Clubs run from 3 – 4 pm. Children attending school can be booked into a club session via the gateway app.

If you have any concerns or worries, please feel free to speak to myself, Mrs Boswell or Chris at the gate. You can also call the office on 01773 872571.

Mrs. Alton

Head of School