



Spring Term 1

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10th January 2020

A message from Mr Hodgson

A happy New Year to all our families, wishing you a prosperous and peaceful 2020. We are really looking forward to lots of exciting events and learning planned for this year.

Sir Douglas Bader

At the time of writing, we are looking forward to seeing you all from 2.30pm this afternoon to showcase our learning around Sir Douglas Bader. We did this in January last year, as we feel the importance of learning about the heritage of the school is vital and the values that we constantly promote which are based on the work of Sir Douglas Bader.



Read for the Stars

Christmas time has obviously been a time for reading as we have had a large number of children reaching 'the sun' this week. Well done to:

Callie Scott, Jake Pinchbeck, Charlie McGough, Lily Simpson and Dylan Frost.

Reading every day is part of our home school agreement and home learning. Please read with your child or encourage them to read aloud to you or to find a quiet place and lose themselves in a really good book!



Pen Licence

For children who have beautifully formed, joined handwriting, their reward is a 'Pen Licence'. This allows them to use a pen for all writing in school. Also, they are presented with a certificate in assembly, are given a pen licence card to carry with them and are given a special place in the hall on our 'Roll of Honour' board. This week's lucky pupils (the first in 2020), to receive their licence, as endorsed by the Pen Inspector General (me) are: Kacey Donnelly and Matha Raine. Well done!



After School Clubs

The majority of After School Clubs will commence Monday 13th January and letters have been sent home. The full range of After School Clubs can be found on our website. This term we have:

Morning/lunch and after school sports clubs, Y2 and Y6 booster classes, science club, Times Table Rockstars, Music and Movement, to list just a selection.

The majority of our after school clubs happen because our staff (with the exception of sports clubs), want to provide our children with as many positive experiences

as we can and thus give up their time to do this. I am exceptionally grateful to them for this.

Dates for your Diaries!

Monday 17th to Friday 21st February 2020: Half Term Monday 6th April to Friday 17th April 2020: Easter Break

Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May: Half Term

Monday 20th July to Monday 31st August: Summer Term

School closes on Friday 17th July 2020



Fizzy Drinks / Sweets

Children should not bring fizzy drinks and sweets into school, as part of our healthy eating commitment. Please support us with this as we will be sending a more detailed letter out next week.

Holidays in Term Time

In line with the Local Authority policy for Penalty Notices (Code of Conduct and Procedure for Attendance and Exclusions) which was updated in June 2017, holidays in term time will be unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances to support the request.

Therefore a penalty notice will be issued if a child has 10 seesions (5 school days) or more of absence in 6 school weeks which are classified as unauthorised.

A warning letter will be isued in regards to an unauthorised holiday in term time if the request for leave is deemed not to meet the exceptional circumstances.

Any parents/carers who feel that there are exceptional circumstances regarding their holiday request should put this in writing accompanied by any supporting documentation to the Head Teacher.

Parents/Carers Contact Details

Please could parents/carers ensure that the school has their current telephone landline and mobile numbers and email addresses when they change them as during the bad weather last year a number of the messages sent to parents could not be delivered as the school did not have their current details. Changes to telephone numbers, email addresses and addresses can be made at the school office.

Free School Meals

Free school meals are supplied to some students by reason of their parents' income level in accordace with a scale determined by the Government. Every effort is made to ensure that children who receive free school meals cannot be readily identified by other students. Parents who wish to make further enquiries on eligibility for free meals can do so either by contacting the school directly by email bader@bader.org.uk or by contacting the school office on 01642 762856, or parents can apply directly by using the link www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims

Salvation Project

Our foodbank box is now well established but unfortunately is empty again after Christmas. The aim again is to donate the contents to 'The Salvation Project' to help support the work that they do. Any donations will be gratefully accepted. Please help us fill it up!



Good Attendance and Punctuality = Good Learning

The importance of being punctual and coming to school can never be underestimated, in terms of contributing massively to children's learning.

Attendance goal 96%

Week commencing 20 th December 2019		
Class	% Attendance	Lates
Y1 Miss Ferens	96.7%	3
Y1 Miss Warren	95.3%	9
Y2 Mrs Jatwa	99.2%	3
Y2 Mrs Mudgway	97.3%	7
Y3 Miss Weir	91.8%	5
Y3 Mrs Smith	91.4%	6
Y4 Miss Robson	94.8%	12
Y4 Miss Beckwith	95.3%	3
Y5 Miss Horrigan	95.2%	5
Y6 Miss Logan	97%	*0*
Y6 Miss Rider	★ ② 100% ② ★	4



Most punctual class of the week with the fewest lates

Year 6
Miss Logan

Best attending class of Autumn term



Mrs Mudgway 97.2%



100% Attendance

We have 77 children in school who have 100% attendance since September. This is a fantastic achievement and they were rewarded with certificates in assembly today.

School works extremely hard to support families in getting children into school but on occasions, we have no alternative but to issue warning letters, or make referrals to the Local Authority if children's attendance falls below guidelines issued by the Government. Please speak to Mr Garbutt, our Attendance Officer or Mrs Mulligan, our Parent Support Advisor if you need any support with this. Children who are regularly late for the start of lessons need to catch up on any missed learning.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to working with you again this year.





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School's Policy on Medicines in School

<u>Non Prescribed Medicines</u>: Pupils may <u>not</u> carry 'over the counter' non prescribed medicines with them in school. Staff are not permitted to give or allow pupils to take non prescribed medication, e.g. paracetamol. <u>Prescribed Medicines:</u> These should only be brought into school when essential; that is where it would be detrimental to a child's health if the medicine were not administered during the school day.

Administering medicine in school at the beginning of each academic year, any medical conditions are shared with staff and a list of these children and their conditions is kept in the office and in the class file. Medications kept in the school for children with medical needs, are stored in the staff room in the lockable fridge. Medicine cannot be administered without a consent form being obtained from parents/carers. Copies can be obtained from the office. Only named persons will be permitted to administer medicines to children in school.

Short term prescriptions Medications such as the short term use of antibiotics or painkillers can be administered only if the parent /carer fill out the 'Parental consent form for administering medicine' form on the day the request is made. The form can be obtained from the school office. Signed copies of the forms are stored in the school office. Parents need to give the completed form to the school office together with the medication. However, staff should encourage parents to administer medicine at home. Medication may be administered in school if it is required to be taken four (4) times a day. Only medication prescribed by a GP, hospital or pharmacy and clearly labelled with the child's name, address and required dosage can be administered in school. Non-prescription medication or creams and lotions should not be administered in school.