

Weekly Newsletter



2nd February 2018

It's hard to believe that we have only one week left before half term, time certainly flies! It has been a tricky week with a lot of children and staff being off school with different illnesses. We are very grateful to you for your understanding with this. Staffing agencies have been completely inundated with requests from schools and the demand has been much greater than the supply.

Year 4 enjoyed a great day out on Wednesday at the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge focussing on their topic of 'Ancient Greece'. Special thanks to Mrs Smith, our TA's, parent helpers and Miss Marsden from the office – it was truly an awe-inspiring day out!



Next week there are 43 children from Year 4 visiting Burwell House for a two night Residential Trip. There is a certain buzz of excitement around the classes! Mr Abbs and Mrs Smith will send regular Tweets and we will try and get some pictures on the website too.

There are lots of lovely new displays around school, keep your eyes open if you are around and about! The children's theme folders are progressing well and they are proud of the work that is displayed in them. The new approach to teaching writing is having a very positive impact on the children's work – we have seen some lovely story writing in Years 1, 2 and 3, the language the children are using is a real pleasure to listen to. Year 4 have been busy with play scripts whilst Year 5 are loving their new book 'Phoenix' which they are basing their work on. The quality of work has been great to see. Year 6 have taken their work on the book 'The Man who Walked between the Towers' to the next level by creating their very own characters.

It was lovely to see so many of you at the information evening for Key Stage 1 SATS and the Phonic information event. Thank you for your support.

Strictly Manners

This week's 'Manners of the Week' are:
Please, thank you and excuse me
Stay tuned for further information!

Behaviour For Learning of the Week

Motivation

Year 3 Trip

We are pleased to confirm that the trip to the Cambridge museums will now take place on 29th March 2018.



Speed Stacking Club is in full swing twice a week. Thank you to Miss Murphy & Mrs Marshall for running such a fabulous provision. The children are really enjoying the competitive element and improving their technique and score.

Reception News

We have had lots of fun this week! In maths groups the children started to make gingerbread men. They have used scales to measure ingredients and looked carefully at the recipe to check the quantities needed. There have been lots of sticky fingers and colourful gingerbread men created (covered in sprinkles of course!). Another very exciting activity the children have been engaged in this week is trying to solve the problem of how to get the Gingerbread Man across the river without the help of the Sly Old Fox. The ideas children came up with amazed us! Ideas have included making a boat, making him a wet suit, wrapping him in bubble wrap and throwing him across, design him some springy shoes and making him a ladder to name but a few! Over the next couple of weeks we plan to design and make something to help the Gingerbread Man cross the river safely.

We would also like to say a big thank you for the donations of bricks from families. Also to the very talented parent who crocheted the Three Little Pig characters and the Gingerbread Man. The children have loved making up their own versions of the stories using these wonderful characters.



Pre-School News

At Preschool we are learning traditional nursery rhymes. Each week we support the children's development by extending their knowledge through creative investigation of rhyme. This week Acorn Room have been singing 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star' and learning about where stars come from. Oak Room have been focusing on the rhyme 'Little Bo Peep'. The children in Oak Room have also been developing their understanding of recycling and the recycling plant.



Attendance

This week's winners of the attendance cups are:

Lower School

1st place: 1MN
2nd place: 1RB
3rd place: 2SC

Upper School

1st place: 4AP
2nd place: 3AD
3rd place: 6VH

Whole school attendance is 91.7%

Diary Dates

Date	Events
7 th - 9 th February	Year 4 Burwell House
12 th - 16 th February	Half term
19 th February	NSPCC in school
23 rd February	Year 6 Quixsticks competition at Cromwell
w/c 26 th February	Book week
5 th March	Year 2 trip to Stibbington
9 th March	Team building event Year 5
13 th March	Preschool New parents information evening
21 st March	Parents evening
22 nd March	Parents evening (including Preschool till 5pm).
27 th March 6pm	Year 3 and 4 Production
28 th March 2 pm	Year 3 and 4 Production
29 th March	Year 3 trip to Cambridge Last day of term
16 th April	School returns (Preschool staff home visiting)
18 th April	Preschool returns
7 th May	Bank holiday
w/c 14 th May	Year 6 SATs
28 th May – 1 st June inclusive	Half term
29 th June	Sports Day
3 rd July	Preschool New parents information evening
6 th July	Reserve Sports Day
11 th July	Year 5 and 6 Production
12 th July	Year 5 and 6 Production
18 th July 3-6 pm	Parent open evening to discuss reports
19 th July 6pm	Preschool last day of term Kingsfield's Got Talent
20 th July 8.50am 8.45am-11.45 am	Leavers' Assembly Preschool Oak room leavers party School's last day of term