



27th January 2023 – Weekly Newsletter

Important - Strike action

As you will be aware teachers will be on strike for four days and these days are approaching fast. On strike days we are ONLY open for vulnerable and key worker children. All families that have a place have been contacted via text. We have tried to do this process as quickly as possible so that other parents can make alternative arrangements. It is imperative that children that do not have a place, DO NOT turn up on the day. We are unable to have additional children due to health and safety reasons. I will just reiterate that teachers are going on strike for a number of reasons, not just relating to pay. School funding has been cut in real terms for a number of years now and this poses a real challenge financially for schools. Schools are also struggling to recruit and retain teachers due to pay cuts. We have always been very lucky in this sense, but the bigger picture nationally tells a different story.

Chinese New Year

Across school this week, pupils have been learning about Chinese New Year. As usual, we have tried to make this as exciting and engaging as possible. This started on Monday with an assembly where all the children played instruments or dressed in the Chinese lion costume. The tradition is that lots of noise coupled with the Lion costume will scare away Nian. I can tell you that the noise in assembly was unbelievable, children really got into the spirit!
In classrooms, pupils have been tasting some traditional Chinese food, learning how to perform a Chinese ribbon dance and even learning how to say some mandarin phrases. The topic has really engaged the children and the learning from the topic has been superb. Well done everyone!

School Values – Experience

Every so often, I intend on writing about our school values so that parents can really get a feel for what our school has to offer. One of our key values as a school is "experience". What this means in practice is that we are always looking for ways for children to get some really rich and stimulating experiences in school, through enhancing our curriculum. This week, for example, the pupils have had some really rich experiences that have enhanced their learning about Chinese New Year. This is just one example - across the school year I can think of several examples of how we provide rich experiences. But why do we do this? well, providing these experiences helps the children to learn more and remember more. It also gives them something to talk and write about.

Congratulations to this week's achievers:

Awards for week ending 27-01-2023

	Kindness	Pupil of the week	Learner of the week
Class 1	Lucas Cottrell	Denzel Dickson	Kalu Joseph
Class 2	Ailsa Haley	Jordan-James Hutchfield	Johnboy Ward
Class 3	Declan Lawton	Alfie Sumpton	Iylah-Rose Aldworth
Class 4	Robbie-Thomas Beal	Evalynn Rose Wright	Eliza Hall
Class 5	Georgie Sinclair	Charlie Corrigan	Kurtis Dodds
Class 6	Bailey Musgrove-Bell	Tiana Simpson	Jack Raine

Attendance

Classes attendance this week:

1 st Class 6	99%	2 nd Class 1	97%
3 rd Class 2	96%	4 th Class 5	95%
5 th Class 4	93%	6 th Class 3	90%

***** Whole School – 95% *****

Lucky Reading Stars

Lucas Cottrell	Kassius Dodds
George Sinclair	Edward Fagan
Phoebe Tyrie	Scarlett Brown
Iylah-Rose Aldworth	Harry-Joe McGuinness
Declan Lawton	Sadie Cullen
Holly Allen	Alex Hallet
Harvey-Jay Wright	Joseph Abbott
Isla Albinson	Rossi Harris
Scarlett Iveson-Jones	Jack Raine

Please ensure that your contact details are up to date. If you change any of your details inform the school office.

Looking ahead

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| Tuesday 7 th February | - Escape Room Day (further information to follow) |
| Monday 13 th February | - Class Photographs Day |
| Tuesday 14 th February | - Valentine's Day Disco for all children |

LUNCH MENU week 2

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Vegetarian Pasta Bolognese with Tomato Bread Twist   	Sticky Chicken Noodles 	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Minced Beef Pie with New Potatoes and Gravy	Fish Fingers with Chips
Margarita Pizza with Jacket Wedges   	Cheese and Onion Pasty with Potato Wedges 	Vegetable Shepherdess Pie with Gravy  	Sweetcorn Tortilla Pie with Rice 	Quorn Bites with Chips 
Jacket Potato with Cheese 	Pasta Carbonara 	Jacket Potato with Tuna and Cucumber	Tomato Pasta   	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans  
Fresh Salads including Lettuce, Cucumber, Tomato, Grated Carrot and Sweetcorn 				
Carrots Green Beans 	Peas Broccoli 	Carrots Cabbage 	Parsnip Sweetcorn 	Baked Beans Peas 
Flapjack and Fruit Slice  	Shortbread biscuits, peaches with Custard 	Raspberry Yogurt Cake with Custard	Cocoa Biscuit with Orange Fruit Wedge	Sponge Cake with Custard



Cool Water, Fresh Fruit, Freshly Baked Bread and Yoghurt available daily



Vegetarian



Nutritionists Choice



Fruit Based



Wholegrain



Oily Fish