



Newsletter

Whole school attendance
March 2017
94.7%

Class with best attendance
Year 6 Elm
98.9%



Calendar

Bank Holiday	01.5.17
KS2 SATS	8.5.17 - 11.5.17
Year 2 Visit synagogue trip	25.5.17
Close for Whit	26.5.17
Reception Sept 2017 Parents induction meeting	7.6.17 2pm & 6pm
Phonics screening year 1	W/C 12.6.17
Nursery Sept 2017 Parents induction meeting	12.6.17 1pm
Den building day	16.6.17
Sports day	20.6.17
National school sports week	w/c 26.6.17
EYFS & KS1 family day out	11.7.17
Move up morning	17.7.17
Summer learning celebration	19.7.17 2pm-5.30pm
Close for Summer	25.7.17

A message from our Head Teacher



Welcome back to the summer term! This is my favourite time of the year as I love to see the children outside enjoying their learning in our beautiful outdoor learning environment. We have planned lots of active clubs and activities so please encourage your child to join in!

This term staff and children have been planning an exciting learning adventure around the whole school theme of 'World of Work'. Please look out for the curriculum letters on the website detailing further information. There will be opportunities for you to be involved so I look forward to working together – hopefully in the sunshine!

New build

We are really looking forward to viewing our final plans in the next few weeks. We will share them as soon as they are available. In a nutshell every part of school will have a revamp to include a new purpose built Early Years Foundation Stage consisting of a nursery and reception classes and outdoor space. Infant, Lilac and junior classrooms will be revamped and there will be a new more welcoming main school entrance with meeting rooms, first aid room and accessible toilet available. A new food technology area will be created, as will a community room and a new suite to support emotional health and well being which will accommodate our SENDCo and Family Workers and a quiet place for emotional literacy support.

SATs

If your child is in year 2 or year 6 they will be completing their SATs during the month of May. Please ensure they are in school on time everyday and that they complete any homework set. I'm sure they are all going to try their absolute best and will reach their full potential!



Drumming

On Tuesday 21st March, Year 2 and Year 5 had Tim from 'Rhythmicity' in school to do a drumming workshop. Year 2 experienced African Drumming in the morning, and Year 5 had some Samba Drumming in the afternoon. Year 2 tried three different types of instrument, and even made up tunes using what they had for breakfast! In Year 5, each of the four instrument types had an important job, and we found some of the samba rhythms tricky to play. We needed a lot of concentration! We made a lot of noise and learnt how to work well in a group. It is important to listen to each other so we can keep time, and we make sure the overall sound is great.

Kiddies Support Scheme (KiSS) Charity

Willow Wood's nominated charity this year is KiSS!
KiSS is a charity that was set up in 1995 to support children in two villages in Uganda; Hoima and Kasambya.

The charity currently supports 300 children, their families and communities who suffer hardship.

Thanks to you we have already made them £48.40 from the Fairtrade tuckshop and £183.20 from the Fairtrade hamper raffle!



Red Nose Day

On this year's Red Nose Day we made an amazing £193.20 for non uniform day and then another £151.75 at the cake sale.

A fantastic total of £344.94 that has been donated to this year's Comic Relief.

Thank you for all you donations!



Easter Raffle

Thank you for taking part in the Easter hamper raffle! And thank you to all the staff who donated Easter eggs to make the hampers with.

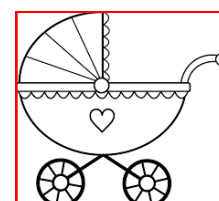
We made £113.80 for school fund.

All the money will go towards buying equipment for your children.



Good Luck!

In a few weeks Mrs Smith, who teaches in our Nursery, will be starting her maternity leave. I'm sure you will join us in wishing her well and hope that she enjoys spending precious time with her first baby! The children in Nursery will miss her!



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