Dear Parents & Carers

Happiness and wonder inspires success

We can appreciate how concerned you all must be about the outbreak of COVID-19 Coronavirus and the impact it is having on everyone. We want to reassure you that we have taken every possible precaution in preventing the spread of the virus. We make sure that the children regularly wash their hands with soap and water for the recommended 20 seconds and in addition, we have hand sanitisers in all locations around the school. We have spent a lot of time this week reinforcing how important it is to keep our hands to ourselves, to cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, to throw the tissue in the bin and to wash our hands thoroughly. We are looking daily at the Government recommendations to ensure we are aware of the latest information and guidance. We ask that you do trust us and send your children in to school if they are well because it is important that they do not miss any of their education whilst school is open. We also ask that if any member of your family is tested positive for the virus, that you contact us immediately and keep your child/ren at home to reduce the risk of infection. Unfortunately, there are many germs around this time of year; however, the coronavirus does have specific symptoms:

- a high temperature (38°C or more).
- a persistent cough.
- difficulty breathing.

In the event that the Government closes schools, children will be given their login details so that they can access work through 'Purple Mash', which is a piece of software that we use in school and teachers can set work on it to be accessed from home. This can be accessed through computers, Ipads and tablets. We have sent a separate letter home today with further information on the virus and the letter has also been uploaded onto our website.

This week has been Science week and the children have carried out some interesting scientific experiments. Year 2 have been investigating where most germs linger, by rubbing bread against a variety of surfaces in different places and placing them in plastic bags. They are now watching and waiting after predicting which place holds the most germs. Year 1 have dissected plants, looking carefully with magnifying glasses at all the different parts and how they are connected to each other. Reception investigated bubbles and had lots of fun blowing bubbles and looking at how they change shape and colour. Finally, Nursery investigated how different materials felt and developed their descriptive vocabulary.

Attendance this week (excluding Nursery) was 94.30%

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Well Done to Class 1E who achieved the highest attendance this week!

To report your child's absence from School, please call 0121 464 4855 Option 1 or Text 07900 351 202 between 7:30am - 9:00am. Please leave your Child's name, Class and Reason for absence.
We have almost finished the Key Stage One and Reception Parent Consultations for the Spring Term and we are extremely pleased with the number of parents that have attended. We cannot emphasis enough how important it is to support your child’s learning. Unfortunately, Mrs Woodman was absent due to sickness and so we have had to postpone 2H’s parent consultations until Thursday, 19th March. Can we remind parents of Nursery children that their Parent Consultations will be held on Thursday 26th March in the afternoon. Please make sure you make an appointment.

Next week is our Assessment week. So please make sure your children have plenty of sleep and a good breakfast before coming to school.

Friday 20th March, we shall be sharing our Mother’s Day Assemblies. Mum’s and (Nan’s) are invited to come along. Nursery and Reception: 9:10am - Hall Year 1 and 2: 2:45pm - Hall Can we ask that you arrive on time as it is very distracting for the children if people are coming and going. Office staff will be advised that once the assemblies start, there will be nobody else allowed in.

Dates for your Diary

Every Thursday - SEN Parent Drop-in 2pm
Thurs 19/03/20 - Class 2H Parent Consultations
Fr 20/03/20 - Mother’s Day Assemblies
   Nursery & Reception 9:10am
   Year 1 & Year 2 2:45pm
Thurs 26/03/20 - Nursery Parent Consultations
Wed 01/04/20 - Nursery and Day care
   Easter Celebration and Hat Parade 9:15am
Thurs 02/04/20 - Easter Egg Hunt
Fri 03/04/20 - Rec, Y1 and Y2 - Easter Hat Parade
Fri 03/04/20 - Last Day of Spring Term
   Mon 06 April 2020 - Fri 17 April 2020
   Easter Holidays - School Closed
   Mon 20/04/20 - School Closed - Teacher Training
   Tues 21/04/20 - Summer Term begins

Can we ask parents to make sure their children do not interfere with any equipment outside the classrooms as the mud kitchen in Reception area has been damaged by children before school starts.

Just a ‘heads up’ to start practising your craft skills to help your child make an Easter hat for our Easter Parades!
Wed 1st April - Nursery and Day Care
Fri 3rd April - Rec, Year 1 and Year 2

Awards
Star of the Week

Nursery: - Kaeson for settling well in Nursery.
Class RC: - Alissia for really progressing in her reading.
Class RD: - Rishav for making very good progress in his reading and writing.
Class 1E: - Fatima for an improved attitude towards her learning.
Class 1S: - Zofia for her amazing input in our Science lessons!
Class 2B: - Remmy for his enthusiastic attitude towards our Science lessons!
Class 2H: - Jayson H for his enthusiastic approach to his writing.

Lunchtime

Class RC: - Bradley
Class RD: - Leyton
Class 1E: - Evan
Class 1S: - Aliyah
Class 2B: - Jessica
Class 2H: - Harrison

Well done to you all! Please join us in assembly on Monday morning at 9:10am to celebrate your child’s success.
Use the entrance in the playground (next to Year 2 classrooms). Doors will open at approx. 9:00am