

Weekly Newsletter for week beginning 7th January 2019
Statement to live by for next week: I know that I belong in a community that includes my school.



Welcome back and Happy New Year!

Welcome back for our first term in 2019. I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas break and were able to spend quality time with friends and family. I would like to take the opportunity on behalf of all of the staff to thank you for the beautiful cards and Christmas gifts that you sent in. We are all looking forward to lots of exciting events coming up this year and to sharing these with you.

Attendance and House Team Winners

Congratulations to Year 5 who won the attendance trophy this week with 98% attendance.

Our house team with the highest points and winners for this week are the members of Blue Team.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Miss Burke who got married over the Christmas holidays to Mr Conneely. I am sure that you will all join me in wishing them both a lifetime of happiness together. Miss Burke has now changed her name to Mrs Conneely.

Year Group	Percentage Attendance
Year R	90.4
Year 1	97.7
Year 2	97.6
Year 3	94.1
Year 4	96.2
Year 5	98
Year 6	94.2

Miss Byabagambi is also proud to announce the safe arrival of twins, Evan and Eloise, just last week. They are absolutely beautiful! I am sure that you will join me in wishing her and the family congratulations. We are all looking forward to meeting the new arrivals.

Year 6 Class Visit

Yesterday the children in Year 6 visited the York Chocolate Factory. I know that they all had a brilliant day and there were certainly a lot of staff volunteering to help out on this trip. The purpose of the trip was to link into learning about the history of producing chocolate and Ancient Mayan traditions of this many years ago. The children will be using all of the information gathered on the day to support them in their topic work and written work this half term.



Admissions for Reception Class

A reminder that the deadline for completing application forms and sending them back to Leeds City Council for pupils starting in Reception in September 2019 is **Tuesday 15th January**.

Mass

Today all of the children and staff attended Mass at Christ the King with Fr. Paul to celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The children in Year 5 read beautifully and the behaviour of the children in church was exceptional. Fr. Paul has asked that I remind parents that Mass on the weekends takes place at 6:00pm on Saturdays and 10:00am on Sundays. He is looking forward to welcoming you all at the start of this new year.

Tree Survey and Prayer Garden

You may have noticed that sadly some trees have been taken down over the Christmas holiday period. At the end of last year we had a tree survey completed and unfortunately we were advised to have some trees felled as they were unstable and unsafe.

We are delighted to announce that we will be giving a new lease of life to the garden at the top of the steps on the field area. One of the parishioners who sadly passed away donated some money to the school. In their honour we have taken the decision to make a lasting tribute by creating a prayer and nature garden for all of the pupils and parents in school to enjoy. We are looking forward to this work being carried out a little later this year when the weather has improved.

Maths Week

On Monday 21st January, we will be kick starting our Maths Week in school. We have lots of exciting and fun Maths activities taking place throughout the week. Mrs Conneely has organised for some specialist mathematicians to come in and work with all the children across school on problem solving and reasoning activities. This visit has been supported by the money you contributed last half term to our fundraising events. Year 2 will also be having a Maths trip to Pizza Express.

The children will be given lots of little challenges both in school and to take home. Please do get involved and support us by joining in with activities at home. **We would also like to take this opportunity to invite parents to share in our Maths Week by coming into their child's class between 9:15am and 9:45am on Thursday 31st January. Please do join us if you are able to.**

P.E. Kits and Pumps

I just wanted to take the opportunity to send out a reminder about P.E. kits being in school. Over the past week I have noticed that there have been several children without P.E. kits or pumps in school. P.E. is a statutory part of the curriculum and we do need all pupils to be dressed appropriately to participate in P.E. lessons.

Children should have an indoor and outdoor P.E. kit in school at all times as P.E. days do change. The indoor P.E. kit is team coloured tee-shirt and black shorts with school pumps and the outdoor P.E. kit is team coloured tee-shirt, dark plain tracksuit bottoms, a dark plain sweatshirt and trainers.

Dates for your diary

- 14.01.19 – Year 4 Anglo Saxon Themed Drama Day
- 14.01.19 – Year 1 class trip to Meanwood Valley Farm
- 15.01.19 – Year 3 Roman Themed Drama Day
- 24.01.19 – Year 4 Class Assembly (9:15am)
- 29.01.19 – Year 2 visit to Pizza Express (10:00am)
- 31.01.19 – 9:15am – 9:45am Maths morning for parents to work with their children in classes
- 01.02.19 – Mass at Christ the King Church – Presentation of the Lord
- 12.02.19 – Parents' Evening
- 13.02.19 – Parents' Evening

Miss F Clark (Head Teacher)

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