



Newsletter: 1.2.19

Behaviour

Children who demonstrate expected behaviour are recognised in class. This week 149 children have been ready, respectful, safe and kind at all times.

Nursery	Reception	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5
24/25	21/23	18/19	16/17	29/31	28/29	13/13

WELL DONE!

Attendance and Lates

This week 94.5% and 6 late
Our attendance target for the year is 97.5%
Year to date: 96.7%

Nursery
72.8% 0 late

Reception
100% 0 late

Class 1
89.4% 3 late

Class 2
98.7% 0 late

Class 3
94.6% 2 late

Class 4
95.8% 0 late

Class 5
93.2% 1 late

Hot Choc Friday!

Children who show 'over and above' excellent behaviour can have hot chocolate on Fridays. [Follow us on twitter #HotChocFri.](#)

This week's #HotChocFri winners are:

P C, L B and E W

Will it be you next time?

Stars of the week

Nursery: E M
Reception: F B
Class 1: A N
Class 2: D S
Class 3: S B
Class 4: S M
Class 5: C L

Well Done!

Up and Coming Key Dates

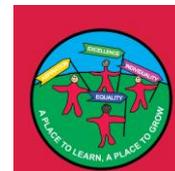
8 Feb + 8 Mar '19	Parent voice 9am
11 Feb 2019	Waterton's Greater Show at Wakefield Theatre Royal
13 Feb 2019	Valentine's Disco – 3-4pm: EYFS and KS1, 4.30-6: KS2
14 Feb 2019	Inspire day KS1 and EYFS am, KS2 pm
15 Feb 2019	Break up for half term
25 Feb 2019	Return from half term Rewards assembly KS1 and EYFS 9am, KS2 2.30pm
15 March 2019	Comic Relief Day – details to follow.
Week beg: 18 March 2019	Book fayre and author visit
20 + 21 March 19	Parents' evenings
4 April 2019	Inspire day KS1 and EYSF am. KS2 pm NOTE following this there will be one Inspire per half term not two.
5 April 2019	Break up for Easter
23 April 2019	Return from Easter Rewards assemblies KS2 9am, EYFS and KS1 2.30pm
13-17 May 2019	Y6 SATs week
3 Jun, 22 & 23 Jul	INSET DAYS – Please use these for holidays
20-22 Sept 2019	ADVANCE NOTICE: Castleton residential for KS2

E-safety

Remember to check your parental controls on all online devices your children use in order to keep them safe online. If you have any concerns over online safety look at the CEOP website www.ceop.police.uk. Their YouTube clips are very useful and interesting. Please also make sure that your children are not using apps and sites that have age restrictions above their age and that you supervise their use of any online forums. Next Tuesday, 5th Feb, is Safer Internet Day. A good range of information can be found at <https://www.wakefieldscb.org.uk/parents-and-carers/e-safety/>.



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Nursery @MD_EYFS

Mysterious events have been occurring this week, as we have continued reading our 'Supertato' book. Where did 'Evil Pea' escape to? Will he return? Both this week and next week, we will be sequencing the story and will look at describing and writing about the book at home. Just a quick reminder that we usually look at reading books from Thursday to Thursday - to check if you have five entries in the reading record. You have shown great commitment in this and it has been great to see how many children have read in this weekly period. Please remember to talk/discuss the books with your children, as this will develop that all important vocabulary. Keep it up!

Reception @MD_Reception

This week we have been exploring forces in topic. We thought carefully about why objects fall to the ground. To explore further we used sticky superheroes to find out what happened when they were put up high. We discovered that they gradually came down to the ground. In literacy we have been working hard on reciting 'Supertato'. We can do this now independently and with actions. We have also been learning what a character is and we have been naming the characters we like reading about.

Class 1 @MD_Class1

This week we have been looking at numbers to 50 in maths, thinking about the number of tens and ones. In Literacy we have thoroughly enjoyed creating our own versions of The Three Billy Goats Gruff. We have talked about the Christian faith, played instruments that scrape/shake and drawn designs to create our own scraping or shaking toy. We look forward to making these next week!

Class 2 @MD_Class2

In maths the children have been working on multiplication, learning to apply our knowledge of the 2, 5 and 10 times tables to solve problems. The children have been introduced to an array, a visual pattern that is set out in rows and columns to show a multiplication sentence. By the end of Year 2 children are expected to be able to recall the 2's, 5's and 10 times tables as well as be able to work with the 3 times table. We are reciting these in rote, as well as randomly, to develop quick recall. Please continue to practice these at home with your child. In literacy the children have looked at proper nouns and are trying to write sentences using capital letters in the correct place. Some children need to practice this.

Class 3 @MD_Class3

We have been working very hard this week towards our next hot write 'Writing to entertain - viewpoints' based on 'Voices in the Park' by Antony Browne. We have really enjoyed thinking about how the characters would feel and respond in different scenarios. Our multiplication and division work continues and we are tackling trickier and more complex problems as well as finding factors and multiples. Our topic learning has focused on geography and comparing the features of Ackworth to Baghdad.

Class 4 @MD_Class4

This week in literacy, we have been developing our descriptive skills using figurative language. We have used these to help us describe a setting and a character separately and then brought these together in our hot write. In maths we have continued to work on our understanding of multiplication and division using 2, 3 and 4 digit numbers. The children have learnt more than one method and then chose the one that they found most useful when solving problems. In science, we are continuing to investigate electrical circuits, how and why we use switches. The children have produced some wonderful drawings in art (Some were put on Twitter earlier this week.). Swimming continues to go well with more children making good progress.

Class 5 @MD_Class5

The number of children who brought their reading records to me and have read five times at home this week was 66.6%. This is an improvement on the week before, but does still mean 33.3% weren't able to manage this. I will monitor this on a weekly basis and would like to politely remind you that I expect all children to hand in their reading records each Thursday to enable me to keep track of this important area. Thank you for your ongoing support. The children have worked hard this week and have produced some powerful work inspired by the classic narrative poem The Highwayman in Literacy. In Maths we have been looking at units of metric measurement for length, capacity and weight and have been solving a variety of problems along the way.

Mrs Thompson @MD_MrsThompson

We have had another very busy and productive week and now have some snow and ice thrown into the mix! Thankyou for your support during the icy weather, let's hope there isn't too much more to come. Remember, we will text if we need to close - no text means we are open. Please make sure you have read the letter that was sent yesterday with details about clubs, illness, money and uniform. Thankyou to those of you who have already returned your questionnaires. Please make sure they are all returned by next Friday. I hope to see more of you at a frosty Pontefract Racecourse on Sunday when we collect our January trophy and begin our attempt to win in February as well.

