



Newsletter: 29.3.19

Behaviour

Children who demonstrate expected behaviour are recognised in class. This week 151 children have been ready, respectful, safe and kind at all times.

Nursery	Reception	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5
25/25	20/23	/19	16/17	29/31	29/30	11/12

WELL DONE!

Attendance and Lates

This week 93.2% and late.
Our attendance target for the year is 97.5%
Year to date: 96.6%

Nursery
92.2% 4 late

Reception
94.6% 1 late

Class 1
89.7% 0 late

Class 2
93.5% 1 late

Class 3
93.6% 1 late

Class 4
95.2% 0 late

Class 5
91.7% 0 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:

C H, T R, E A and L L

Will it be you next time?

Stars of the week

Nursery: F T
Reception: L H
Class 1: G J
Class 2: M B
Class 3: M A
Class 4: D S
Class 5: L L

Well Done!

Up and Coming Key Dates

3 April 2019	Easter fayre 3pm – Please look at the posters around school for details and lots of exciting competitions.
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 Parent voice 2pm
23 April 2019	Return from Easter Rewards assemblies KS2 9am, EYFS and KS1 2.30pm
13-17 May 19	Y6 SATs week
3 Jun, 22 & 23 Jul 2019	INSET DAYS – Please use these for holidays
20-22 Sept 2019	ADVANCE NOTICE: Castleton residential for KS2

Safeguarding Mill Dam School considers the welfare of all our pupils to be of great importance and we hope that you are confident about your children's health and safety at school. We will always try to share any concerns we have with parents. However, there are times when we are legally obliged to share our concerns with other agencies, without first speaking to parents, or without the consent of parents. If you have any concerns about the welfare or safety of any child in our school please contact our safeguarding leads Mrs Stevenson or Mrs Thompson. We have a duty to inform parents that there is a prohibition on reporting or publishing details (including on social media) that could identify anyone who is subject to an allegation.



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Nursery @MD_EYFS

As Easter is just around the corner, we have been looking at the importance of new life and thinking about animals and their young.

We all loved trying to name young of different animals - and the children very much enjoyed feeding Mill Dam's chickens and seeing their eggs! Next week, we will be reading three books about eggs and new life. They are: 'The Odd Egg', 'Egg Drop', and 'The Ugly Duckling'. Each has its own little twist at the end! Just a quick reminder that children should please bring a set of spare clothes, for those little accidents, as we no longer have any spares left in school. A big thank you for all you donations for the Easter Fayre.

We may now have more eggs than the Co-op!

Reception @MD_Reception

This week we have been reading 'If the dinosaurs came back' by Bernard Most ... the children have enjoyed discussing the possibility of dinosaurs being alive today. They were fascinated to think we could have dinosaurs as a pet. Most children in class decided they would prefer a herbivore! We have also started to learn about the Easter story as well as order it in the correct sequence. Next week we will be participating in lots of different Easter traditions from around the world. Please don't forget it is our inspire session next Thursday. A letter will be coming out soon with the times.

Class 1 @MD_Class1

Year 1 enjoyed a wonderful day out to Cannon Hall Farm. We eagerly fed some very hungry cows and goats. We were excited to see some new born goats, cows and piglets. The children were extremely well behaved throughout the day. Well done everyone! In literacy we have started to write a recount of our favourite adventure using the past tense. In maths we have been using our addition and subtraction skills to find fact families.

Class 2 @MD_Class2

The children had a fabulous day at Cannon Hall Farm this week. They observed many different animals in their farm habitats, feeding some and petting others. They were very gentle with Pepper the rabbit as they stroked her and commented on her silky soft fur. The children were inquisitive and enthusiastic and were able to discuss their day out back at school the next day. They have produced some very good writing about their day out. Well done everyone on their impeccable behaviour.



Class 3 @MD_Class3

A busy week in Class 3. We have welcomed Mr Miller who will be working with us for the rest of the year and he has jumped straight in feet first. In topic we have learned about the diet of birds, designed our own food mix and then made bird feeders as well as designing our own birdhouses which we will hopefully be building next week. In English we have moved on to explanation texts, which some of us are finding quite challenging as it is so easy to fall into the trap of writing instructions or describing.

Maths has been all about finding the area of shapes and we have moved from counting the squares to using our multiplication skills and even looking at how we could find the area of compound shapes.

All this and we still have a classroom full of plants.

These children are going to have earned their Easter break.

Class 4 @MD_Class4

Welcome to a new member of our class who has fitted in beautifully. Class 4's week has been different from their normal routine but they have all risen to the challenge and worked hard for Mr. Lawton when I was out of school. Y5 have entered a bun baking challenge with Hemsworth Academy. They had to design a topping for a bun based on the theme of Easter, which they took with them. All the children worked well in their teams and were complemented on their behaviour. Y4 are attending a Forest School at Ackworth School and I'm sure will really enjoy it and learn those important social skills as well as developing team work. In literacy we have begun to look at formal and informal letters. In maths we continue our work on tenths, hundredths and their equivalent decimals. Some Y5 swimmers have been awarded certificates by Pontefract

Swimming Pool trainers. Well done.

Class 5 @MD_Class5

This week we have been looking at the effect of litter on the environment. The children have researched the issue and in Literacy we have been looking at how to write a letter to persuade local politicians to take action on the issue. They have made some very pertinent points so far and have used some strong persuasive techniques! In maths we have been working on data handling problems, looking at line graphs and pie charts. In PE the children have shown fabulous teamwork and skills at Korfbal. Finally, it was lovely seeing how pleased the children were to receive the books the school has bought them for Easter homework. We hope they enjoy them and look forward to hearing about them after the Easter holidays!

Mrs Thompson @MD_MrsThompson

We have had a very busy week again this week! This has included visits for KS1, Y4 and Y5 and I am very pleased to say that the feedback from all of these has been that our children were a credit; fantastic behaviour and brilliant manners. Well done to all of them and thank you to the staff for organising these visits. We have also had the great news that we have won 2nd place in the Tesco bags for help scheme. This means they will donate £2000 towards the continuing development of our library. Thanks to everyone who collected tokens for us. Finally, Sunday is the final junior parkrun for March. Can we win again? I think we can and look forward to seeing lots of you there.

