



Newsletter: 15.2.19

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
25/25	20/23	19/19	15/17	29/30	28/29	11/12

WELL DONE!

Attendance and Lates

This week 95.7% and 7 lates.
Our attendance target for the year is 97.5%
Year to date: 96.8%

Nursery
90.6% 1 late

Reception
97.4% 0 late

Class 1
93.1% 2 late

Class 2
92.8% 2 late

Class 3
97.4% 1 late

Class 4
94.6% 1 late

Class 5
100% 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:

K S, M B and T d B

Will it be you next time?

Stars of the week

Nursery: S S
Reception: L H
Class 1: L P
Class 2: G W
Class 3: P W
Class 4: E W
Class 5: R A

Well Done!

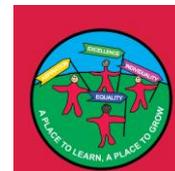
Up and Coming Key Dates

8 March 2019	Parent voice 9am
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.
18 March 2019	Dress as a book character for World Book Day – no charge
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

Leadership Signposting: If you have any concerns or questions about your child's learning or the work of the school please speak to their class teacher or Mrs Thompson on the playground before or after school. If your question is more in depth please make an appointment to see the class teacher. Mrs Thompson, Mr West and Ms Samuels are happy to meet with any parents who would like to speak to us. If we are free we will see you immediately but if not please make an appointment with the office and we will meet with you as soon as possible.



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Nursery @MD_EYFS

As this half term comes to an end, I cannot believe how hard the children have worked and I'm sure that you saw this during their Inspire Morning. Next half term, our theme will be 'Dinosaurs' and special Spring celebrations, such as Shrove Tuesday and Easter. Feel free to talk to your children about their favourite dinosaur and what they like or don't like about them. Please remember to keep up all your fantastic work, on reading, during the holidays - and remember there are some excellent games on the web to help them learn their phonics. Have a wonderful and safe break ready for those dinosaurs!

Reception @MD_Reception

In literacy this week, we have been learning about comic strips. The children have been making their own short comics and we have discovered speech is usually in a speech bubble. We have also been practising how different characters might say this speech in guided reading. In maths, we have been looking closely at height, comparing and estimating objects. A big thank you to all the parents who attended our inspire session this week. Keep safe everyone over the holidays! If you would like to write about one of your favourite activities over the holidays this would be fabulous to share on our first day back.

Class 1 @MD_Class1

This week we have been writing our own poems, working with numbers to 50 and ensuring we get the tens and ones the right way round! We enjoyed trying out the new school Beebots in computing and learnt about onomatopoeia in our reading. In Science we showed what we now know about materials, by sorting different materials by their properties. We listened to a story told by our class puppets about teamwork, friendships and being kind. In R.E. we talked about Saint Valentine. We thoroughly enjoyed sorting old and new toys and making our own toy using joins in our INSPIRE, thank you to all who came to participate.

Class 2 @MD_Class2

Thank you to everyone who joined us on our Inspire day this week. The children enjoyed working with members of their family as they made a toy that moves and sorted old and new toys. In maths the children have continued to work on division, dividing by 2, 5 and 10. This links to the learning on the multiplication tables as by the end of Year 2 children are expected to be able to recall division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. In literacy, the children are developing their storytelling skills by learning how to make a story interesting. It is important that their narratives are coherent and organised into a logical order.

Class 3 @MD_Class3

The first half of Spring term is over and we are all ready for a well earned rest. We have learned lots of new things and developed our learning skills. Next term we will be ready for new challenges and our new topic of UK animals and plants. Remember to keep reading over the holidays but also have some fun. Junior park run will be continuing so hopefully we will see you there. Have a great holiday.

Class 4 @MD_Class4

Thank you to everyone who attended our Inspire day, which combined guided reading, music and ICT. The children enjoyed working together and with adults to compose a piece of music that reflected the two main characters in our guided reading book, a blue wolf and a boy. In literacy we have been developing our understanding of metaphors and how poets use them. This has supported the children in composing their version of 'The Door' by Miroslav Holub. In mathematics we have been looking a fraction including improper fractions and mixed fractions (see our twitter feed). During the half term it would be fantastic if everyone continued their reading at least 5 times a week.

Class 5 @MD_Class5

Another half term has flashed by in the blink of an eye. It was lovely to see some parents in school, working alongside your children yesterday. The children really did produce some lovely mehndi artwork. We have had another hard working term, with the children working tirelessly to continue developing skills and knowledge across the curriculum. This week three quarters of the children read at least 5 times at home. We would greatly appreciate it if you would support your children in reading over the holiday, as well as looking at some of the revision books the children now have. Have a great half term!

Mrs Thompson @MD_MrsThompson

This has been a very busy and productive half term with great successes in musical performances and sporting activities. Please join me in thanking the staff who have given additional time to make these such a success. Thanks also to you for supporting your children in these endeavours. As we have our book fayre and author visit during the week beginning 18th March we are going to celebrate World Book Day on this day as well – not on 7th March. Children may dress as book characters on this day. Please make sure that your child's reading record has been signed before Thursday each week so that teachers can see who has read 5 times. Some children are still coming in non uniform on Fridays when there are not 5 signatures in their record book when it has been checked. Have a great break.

