



Newsletter: 10.1.20

Behaviour

Children who demonstrate expected behaviour are recognised in class. This week 183 children have been ready, respectful, safe and kind at all times.

Nursery	Reception	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5
28/30	28/29	24/24	20/20	33/34	30/32	20/20

WELL DONE!

Attendance and Lates

This week 97.8% and 13 late.
Our attendance target for the year is 97%
Year to date: 97%

Nursery
94% 1 late

Reception
99.3% 2 late

Class 1
99.1% 4 late

Class 2
98.9% 1 late

Class 3
98.1% 1 late

Class 4
96.2% 2 late

Class 5
97.3% 2 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:

O F, G A and C M T.

Will it be you next time?

Stars of the week

Nursery: M A

Reception: F G

Class 1: R W

Class 2: R MC

Class 3: O H

Class 4: D S and F M

Class 5: M S

Well Done!

Up and Coming Key Dates

13 Jan 20	Choir to Young Voices
14 Jan 20	Y6 SATS Parents meeting
21 Jan 20	Y5 to Hemsworth Academy
21 Jan 20	Y6 Booster classes start
6 Feb 20	KS2 Magna visit
13 Feb 20	Valentine's disco
14 Feb 20	Break up for half term
24 Feb 20	Return to school after half term
24 Feb 20	Reward Assemblies 9am EYFS and KS1 2.30pm KS2
3 March 20	Waterton Academy Trust Musical Evening
Week beg. 16 March 20	Book Fayre
17 March	Author visit (Maz Evans) and world book day celebrations
18 and 19 March 20	Parents' evening
22 May 20, 1 June 20, 20 July --	INSET DAYS – Please use these for holidays

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. Remember that Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook and many games are not recommended for children below age 12.



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Nursery @MD_EYFS

Welcome back to all our nursery children and a warm welcome to our new starters. We have had a busy week showing our new children the ropes and our children who have been with us a while have been great role models for our school expectations, demonstrating friendly behaviour and settling back into our routines. This half term our topic is transport and we have been looking at the book 'naughty bus.' We have enjoyed creating our bus role play together and talking about different vehicles using examples from our small world area.

Reception @MD_Reception

Happy New Year! We have had a marvellous start to the new year! Mrs Burton and Mrs Barrett are very pleased with the children's eagerness to be back at school to learn as much as possible! Our new topic for the half term is transport. We have been busy discussing what transport is and which types of transport we have been on. In maths we have been blown away by the children's knowledge of number bonds to five, we have been using aliens and spaceships to explore this and most children can recite and WRITE a number sentence! In phonics we have been focusing on the following sounds, 'r, v, y and w' as well as 'ee, oa and oo'. Please can we remind parents that we need to see a written record of the children's reading at home for the non uniform reward.

Class 1 @MD_Class1

What a start we have had to the New Year as we have begun our new topic on transport! We have looked at how cars have changed since their invention and the importance of the wheel - who can forget the good old Ford Anglia or Datsun Cherry? We even made our own wheels out of straws and paper and experimented with them to see if they would roll. A brief reminder about remembering to learn number bonds to 10. You can even practise these as you walk home. These are vital, as we have been partitioning numbers which is helping us to add two numbers together with more than one digit in the numbers.

Class 2 @MD_Class2

Happy New Year everyone. It is lovely to see all of the children back in school this week and ready to embark on the next steps of their learning. Our topic this half term is 'Cities and Transport', looking at the history of forms of transport and identifying similarities and differences with the transport of today. In literacy we are using the book 'The Flower' by John Light as inspiration for our writing.

Please note our PE days for this half term will be Tuesdays and Fridays. We are fortunate to be learning tennis skills with Alice from Ackworth School. Please make sure your child brings their PE kit to school on a Monday, including suitable shoes for indoor games.

Class 3 @MD_Class3

A great start to our new topic 'In the City' we have started our writing Based on Iggy Peck and using bridges to learn about shapes and angles in context. We have also started experimenting with different ways of constructing bridges for our DT project, working towards designing and building our own bridges. Team members have jumped straight back into their learning and are showing super attitudes.

Letters have recently been sent out with detail of our educational visit to Magna and detail of this years Schools Parkrun competition, if they didn't make it home spares are in the letters box.

Remember details of important events are also put in our class notice board outside the door and you can always see what we are learning on Twitter @MD_Class3

Class 4 @MD_Class4

Welcome back everyone. We have wasted no time in getting our learning brains into gear and begun our topic based on cities. As a class we working hard to use the knowledge and skills we have learnt in maths and literacy to support our topic work. In geography the children have identified a range of natural and man made features on an A-Z map and recorded their co-ordinates. They have further developed their understanding of different types of settlements and have begun to understand what makes a city, this has been written up as a report of about what they have learnt. Well done to those children who brought in their home readers it's great to see the range of books being read. As a class we have also becoming more aware of what is going on in the news and the children are coming in with some interesting snippets. It is good to hear them talking about things that interest them outside of school.

Class 5 @MD_Class5

Happy New Year everyone. We have had a busy first week back. In Maths we have been converting decimals to fractions and then to percentages and have tried to convert in all directions. The children have shown clearer understanding as the week has progressed. In Literacy we have started a new narrative unit and we are basing our work on a short film. 60 % of the class brought their reading records in today and are able to come in casual clothes tomorrow. I'm hoping there will be close to 100% next week! Please note the letter about the SATs meeting that went out yesterday had a mistake. The meeting is on Tuesday not Wednesday. Please call the office if you need to clarify this further. I look forward to seeing at this important next Tuesday.

Mrs Thompson @MD_MrsThompson

Welcome back everybody and happy new year! I hope you all has a wonderful Christmas. As you can see from the class information we have already made a rapid start to learning during the week. This half term during our assemblies and PSHE work we are focusing on respect - for all people, beliefs, cultures and for property. Please encourage your child to discuss this with you. We also have some very exciting events during this term - the junior park run competition is beginning again and we have our title to defend and we have an author visit from the wonderful Maz Evans who wrote 'Who Let the Gods Out'. Finally, there has been a further change in leadership this term. I am now going to be back at school more often than I was last half term and, because of this, there will not be a shared head of school role. Mrs Stevenson will become deputy head teacher with immediate effect and Ms Samuels and Mr West will continue in their roles as assistant heads. I'd like to thank them all for their support and hard work and know that we will go forward brilliantly!

