



Newsletter: 8.3.19

Behaviour

Children who demonstrate expected behaviour are recognised in class. This week 148 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	22/23	19/19	15/17	29/30	27/29	12/12

WELL DONE!

Attendance and Lates

This week 97.6% and 11 late.
Our attendance target for the year is 97.5%
Year to date: 96.8%

Nursery
97.9% 2 late

Reception
92.8% 0 late

Class 1
98.8% 0 late

Class 2
100% 3 late

Class 3
98.5% 3 late

Class 4
94.3% 2 late

Class 5
98.2% 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:

A B, G W and O G

Will it be you next time?

Stars of the week

Nursery: C O
Reception: D H
Class 1: A J
Class 2: T B
Class 3: O H
Class 4: J M
Class 5: C L

Well Done!

Up and Coming Key Dates

15 March 2019	Comic Relief Day – details have been sent separately
18 March 2019	Dress as a book character for World Book Day – no charge. Author visit – details have been sent separately.
Week beg: 18 March 2019	Book fayre
19 + 20 March 19	Parents' evenings – details to follow
26 March 2019	KS1 to Cannon Hall – details to follow
28 March 2019	Non uniform day - £1 or chocolate donations for Easter fayre
3 April 2019	Easter fayre 3pm
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 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

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

Nursery was filled with the wonderful smell of pancakes as they were cooked, tossed and eaten by us all. The winning filling was chocolate spread with honeycomb, followed closely by honey. We learnt about why we make pancakes on a certain day and the period of lent that follows. We are now writing about what ingredients we need and how to make them. On the reading front, I'm amazed at how many of our children are listening to stories being read to them. Remember that you can also stimulate their love of reading by playing the games on 'Teach Your Monster to Read'. Well done to Charles, Elijah and Jenson, for completing their First Steps.

Reception @MD_Reception

This week we have learnt the names of different dinosaurs and we compared them. We noticed that some walked on four legs and others on two. We have also made fossils!!! This was very exciting and we will be using these in our dinosaur museum. In maths, we have been problem solving using shapes, numbers and objects. We discovered if you position shapes in different ways to build a tower it can be taller or shorter. Next week we will be experimenting with volcanoes!



Class 1 @MD_Class1

This week we have been writing instructions on how to make a pancake, having a taste along the way. We ended the week with writing instructions on a subject of our choice. In maths we have been looking at length and height, practising using the mathematical vocabulary to compare different sizes. We moved on from different types of animals in Science, to finding out which ones are carnivores and herbivores. In topic we used our art skills to draw different animal patterns and baby animals born in spring. In reading Traction man's new adventure was in the jungle, so our reading area has now become one! We are doing really well in our phonics, many of us have moved up another group. Our spellings are phonics focused and specific to each child's learning, please remember spelling books on Friday for the new ones to be put in!

Class 2 @MD_Class2

Welcome back everyone. In maths the children are continuing to learn about fractions. They are working on finding a half, a quarter and a third of a shape or number of objects. We are linking this to our work on multiplication and division, highlighting the importance of knowing their times tables. In literacy, the children are continuing their work on writing a non-fiction report. They have looked at using questions and exclamation sentences in this. Our topic this term is animals and we are linking this to science by looking at living things and their habitats. We have also made close observations of the patterns on an animal's skin or fur.

Class 3 @MD_Class3

After last year's huge success we have started work on this year's planting for our science on plants and have lots of flowers and vegetables on the way. We have been accepted along with Class 2 & Class 4 to take part in 'Big Grow' again so we will be having lot of fun learning about growing and preparing our own food.

In maths we have moved on from our arithmetic work and are now looking at measures, area and perimeter. The children have made an excellent start and we are looking forward to some new challenges and learning experiences.

Our English work has been around newspaper reports and creating factual pieces of writing and for this week's hot write we are reporting on all the growing we have been doing.

Class 4 @MD_Class4

This week the children have been developing their understanding of fractions and then applying their knowledge and skills to problems. They have really enjoyed working on this area of maths. In Literacy the children have been practicing various elements of explanation writing ready for their hot write today, which is based on how Lego is made.

As part of our geography work we will be looking at the distribution of animals around the UK and Europe. It would be wonderful if when you are in the garden or walking you could encourage your child to spot different mammals.

Our spring flowers have started to bloom, much to the children's delight (pictures are on our twitter feed). We will be continuing our gardening by growing seeds and hopefully planting potatoes which we will use in cooking club.

Class 5 @MD_Class5

This week has been a practise week for the SATs the children will take in May. The children have tested themselves against the tests taken across the country last year. They have all applied themselves admirably and have shown themselves in their best light. The class as a whole are making excellent progress in Maths in particular. We will continue to work on weak areas and ask you to continue to support your children at home. Helping to ensure your child reads at least 5 times a week at home is more important than ever in the run up to SATs. On another note - it was fantastic to see the children's sporting skills on display at the inter schools handball tournament at Crofton Academy on Monday. The standard of play was high and out of four games they only lost one to a goal in the dying seconds of the game!! Very well done!

Mrs Thompson @MD_MrsThompson

It has been another busy week – particularly for year 6. Fantastic resilience on show. Please be considerate when dropping off and collecting your children. We have had further complaints from local residents whose driveways have been blocked during these times. Please also note the date of the Easter fayre on this newsletter and on posters which will be appearing around school. The friends group do a wonderful job and I'm sure they would appreciate more help. This year they have contributed to our library, are buying a stage and funding the author visit during book week. Please support them. Wakefield NHS would like parents to complete health surveys for children. Please go to

<https://surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WFDhealthyweight>.

