



Newsletter: 24.5.19

Behaviour

Children who demonstrate expected behaviour are recognised in class. This week 157 children have been ready, respectful, safe and kind at all times.

Nursery	Reception	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5
26/26	22/23	19/19	17/17	33/35	29/32	11/12

WELL DONE!

Attendance and Lates

This week 94.45% and 6 late.
Our attendance target for the year is 97.5%
Year to date: 96.23%

Nursery
97.27 % 1 late

Reception
96.62 % 2 late

Class 1
85.96 % 2 late

Class 2
96.10 % 0 late

Class 3
95.25 % 0 late

Class 4
91 % 1 late

Class 5
98.96 % 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:
E B, H G, B J & J G

Will it be you next time?

Stars of the week

Nursery: L M

Reception: S S

Class 1: O W

Class 2: All of them

Class 3: H B

Class 4: B T & L A

Class 5: J G

Well Done!

Up and Coming Key Dates

24 May 2019	Half term holiday
3 June 2019	INSET day
4 June 2019	Reward assemblies KS1 and EYFS 9am, KS2 2.30pm
6 June 2019	Class photographs, nursery new starter meeting 4pm
13 June 2019	Reception new starter meeting 4pm
10 June 2019	MAT-lympics at Charlston – details to follow
27 June 2019	Arts evening 6pm – details to follow
28 June 2019	Race for life at school – details to follow
1 July 2019 – Note date change	Sports days – KS1 and EYFS am, KS2 pm Summer fayre and BBQ 3pm
4 July 2019	KS2 visit to York
8 July 2019	KS1 visit to Filey
11 July 2019	KS1 and EYFS inspire session 9am Summer show 1.30pm and 6pm
12 July 2019	Reports sent home
17 July 2019	Parents' evening
18 July 2019	Y6 prom 7pm
19 July 2019	Leavers' assembly 9am – break up for summer.
22 & 23 Jul	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

A Mad Hatter, a Cheshire Cat and the King of Hearts graced the Nursery as we celebrated our traditional tales theme culminating with a magnificent Mad Hatter's tea party. The children decorated biscuits in the style of the house found in Hansel and Gretel (sweets) and we all joined in with sandwiches, crisps and a wonderful retelling of Red Riding Hood. We have talked about our favourite traditional tale and the children certainly know their tales, not only from school, but all the reading at home. Many thanks again, to all our wonderful parents who supported us with an amazing amount of food. Keep up all that reading through the break - it certainly makes a difference.

Class 1 @MD_Class1

This week we have been doing well practising for our upcoming phonics screening. All the children are aware what it involves; however if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. The children will be bringing phonics screening practise sheets home for their homework, rather than the usual spellings for the next few weeks. Please look at these with your children and encourage them to tell you the sounds (digraphs and trigraphs) and then swipe their finger under the word to read the whole word. We have also used our phonics to read and spell words in Literacy to write book reviews. In maths we have been learning about quarter, half, three quarters and full turns. The children discussed what printing might look like in the future, producing some interesting futuristic ideas!

Class 3 @MD_Class3

Alas poor Team 3 I know them well. Thank you and well done to all the parents and guardians that joined us for our Hamlet afternoon. Hopefully our team members were able to tell you about the characters and plot. It was lovely to work with you all out in the sunshine.

Our Tudor day led to an amazing array of faces as Green Source split opinions between being the best food ever and being "Gross!" Mistress Bess from Wakefield museum service told us all about Tudor life and food and the team came up with some excellent questions.

Class 5 @MD_Class5

Now that we have completed the national tests we have switched our focus to writing. The children have tried really hard throughout the week and have been very engaged with a formal biographical account of Ole Christiansen and the story of Lego. The standard of the work produced has been very pleasing. We will continue to have writing as a focus after the Spring Bank holiday. It was fun finishing off our work on the Tudors and Shakespeare with some drama outside on the field. Some of the acting was really entertaining with Bottom and Pluck from The Midsummer Night's Dream been particularly enjoyable!

Reception @MD_Reception

What a marvellous half term we have had! Our topic of traditional tales is coming to an end but the children thoroughly enjoyed celebrating at our Mad Hatter's tea party this week. In maths we have been learning about halving and sharing numbers to ten and twenty. We even spotted that even numbers are a little bit easier to share by two. Our next topic after the holidays is the SEASIDE!! The children have already asked about the seaside day and have begun to help Mrs Barrett plan the day they would like.

Class 2 @MD_Class2

Class 2 have completed their statutory tests this week. They have all shown fabulous resilience and commitment in their approach to the tests and I am very proud of them all. The results of the tests form part of the teacher assessment for the end of Key Stage 1. We are continuing to build up evidence towards this in their daily work, looking closely at their letter formation and how they organise their writing to ensure it is coherent. The children are encouraged to read their writing out loud to make sure it makes sense. Please encourage your child to form their letters appropriately as they write. Thank you for your support in this.

Class 4 @MD_Class4

Class 4 have had an eventful week with the visit from Wakefield Museum in the disguise of Tudor women who were able to give them an upstanding of what life was like for ordinary people. We then finished up a fantastic day on the field where the children led the day and organised those parents who were able to attend in their role as one of Shakespeare's characters. They have continued to work hard in literacy and maths developing and extending their skills. Children have been reminded that with the sunshine we need to cover up our heads, eyes and take care to drink enough before they come to school.

Mrs Thompson @MD_MrsThompson

I hope you all enjoy your half term break and the additional day on Monday 3rd June. Please try and use additional days like this and the two INSET days in July to book holidays. These will allow you to have reduced cost holidays as they are not part of the official school holiday. Holiday absence this term has been extensive and this has a huge impact on children's progress and attainment. Also, please remember that dogs are not allowed on the school premises at all. I had reports this morning of two dogs on site; they weren't brought into the playground but still should not be anywhere within the school grounds.

