



Newsletter: 1.3.19

Behaviour

Children who demonstrate expected behaviour are recognised in class. This week 150 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	18/19	17/17	29/30	28/29	12/12

WELL DONE!

Attendance and Lates

This week 96.6% and 5 lates.
Our attendance target for the year is 97.5%
Year to date: 96.8%

Nursery
98.7% 1 late

Reception
96.6% 0 late

Class 1
91.3% 0 late

Class 2
96.7% 3 late

Class 3
95.3% 1 late

Class 4
99.4% 0 late

Class 5
95.5% 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:

Charles Hutchinson, Harry Phillips, Adan Johnson and Macey Askew

Will it be you next time?

Stars of the week

Nursery: Beau Varley

Reception: Obi Watson

Class 1: Mia Williams

Class 2: Layla Maw

Class 3: Betsy Waters

Class 4: Ella Stead, Kirsten Field

Class 5: Macey Askew

Well Done!

Up and Coming Key Dates

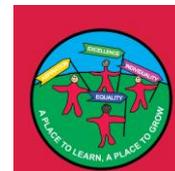
8 March 2019	Parent voice 9am
15 March 2019	Comic Relief Day – details have been sent separately
18 March 2019	Dress as a book character for World Book Day – no charge. Author visit – details have been sent separately.
Week beg: 18 March 2019	Book fayre
20 + 21 March 19	Parents' evenings – details to follow
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

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

This week the earth shook as Nursery was visited by a large Diplodocus who decided to make her home in our Science Park. Why she? Well, although the name is still being discussed, one of our children has called her Mandy. We have been talking about what she might like to eat, how we can make her home a little more dinosaur friendly and which dinosaurs we must protect her from. Alongside this, we have been learning how to be palaeontologists. We have uncovered fossils and are in the process of reconstructing these to discover which dinosaurs we have found. Let's hope our Diplodocus likes pancakes as we learn how to make these next week.

Reception @MD_Reception

Welcome back everyone! Our topic this half term is DINOSAURS! We have shared what we already know about dinosaurs and we have been labelling parts of a dinosaur. Next week we will be making our own dinosaur fossils to put in our dinosaur museum. In maths, we have been learning about addition, the children have concentrated on single digit number sentences and some of us have been challenged to solve problems using a number line. Please remember, our PE sessions are on Wednesday and Friday and children with long hair need to have their hair tied back.

Class 1 @MD_Class1

This week we have been counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and really enjoyed deciding which was the best one to count in for different items e.g. a pile of socks. In Literacy we have started learning about writing instructions and what we need to include. We have talked about imperative 'bossy' verbs with help from Little Miss Bossy! We have also worked on past tense, talking about what we did in the holidays and present tense, talking about what we are doing now. We have started our topic about animals and reminded ourselves of the types of animals - reptiles, amphibians, birds, fish and mammals. We had really good fun doing our first tennis session with Alice in the sunshine! Our P.E. days this half term will be Tuesdays and Fridays.

Class 2 @MD_Class2

Welcome back everyone. In maths the children are learning about fractions., working on finding equal parts of a shape or a number and recognising and finding a half. This links to our learning on division as to find a half the children need to divide a number by 2. In literacy, the children are working on writing a non-fiction report. They are learning to use headings and sub-headings. It is important that they remember to keep the content of each paragraph under a heading relevant to that heading in order to make sure their report is coherent and organised into a logical order.

Class 3 @MD_Class3

We are half way through the school year already and have just started our fourth topic 'UK animals' please look out for the over view on the school website soon. Our science for this half term is plants so we have started to prepare the growing beds and plant some bulbs so that we can observe them growing over the next few months, the children are excited and genuinely enjoy working on the school gardens. The children have shown excellent attitudes for learning for our first week back and it looks like we are up for an exciting and rewarding half term.

Class 4 @MD_Class4

Welcome back and I hope you had a restful break. The children have settled in well and are working hard. Our topic this half term is 'UK Animals', under this title we will be developing our geography skills and looking at animals and their habitats. In literacy we looking at writing that informs, such as explanation text, letters and reports. It would really support your child if you could point any of these out to them, so they see that these texts are part of their everyday lives. In P.E the children are being coached by a tennis specialist. This is taking place in the playground therefore the children need to make sure they bring PE clothing that is suitable for this time of year.

Please can your child have a drink before they set off to school, this is because at least half the class ask to go to the toilet and have a drink as soon as they enter the classroom.

Class 5 @MD_Class5

The class have worked hard throughout the week and have demonstrated an excellent attitude to learning. In Literacy they have enjoyed researching and writing about pandas and I'm sure they can tell you lots of interesting facts about them! In reading we are now focussed on sharpening the key skills needed to shine in the national tests. Thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring your child reads at least 5 times a week at home on a regular basis. In maths we have been examining angles in triangles and polygons, as well as examining ratio and proportion and looking at how this area of Maths links to fractions. We have also spent some time developing hand ball skills in preparation for the tournament at Crofton next Monday! Have a great weekend!

Mrs Thompson @MD_MrsThompson

This has been a week of varying news. Firstly, there has been a lot of press coverage of the Momo challenge and the use of means such as Instagram, Facebook and snapchat to target children as young as 5. We sent information about this on Wednesday. Please remember that the age limit for many of these is 12 and if you do allow your child to access these please monitor them closely. In more positive news we have won the schools' parkrun competition for the second month; both for Pontefract and for Wakefield as a whole. Well done to all of our Resilio's Runners and thankyou to all the staff and parents who have supported this. I hope to see many of you again this Sunday when we will be presented with another certificate. Can we keep the winning streak going?

