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Newsletter – January 2024

The start of the Spring Term has flown by! The children and staff made New Year resolutions at the start of the term. Check in with your child to find out how they are doing with their one! It has been a busy start to 2024, with Cedar Class and Hawthorn Class having already enjoyed school visits. In school, the children have hit the ground running and have demonstrated such enthusiasm in their learning across the curriculum. For those who can make our open mornings next week, we hope you enjoy the opportunity to talk to your child about what they have learnt so far this year and to see the work that they are proud of.



Cedar Class Visit to The Deep



Hawthorn Class Visit to The Royal Armouries



Latest News:

Takeover Day- well done to the children who took on roles as part of Takeover Day today. It was brilliant to see the children approaching their roles with such responsibility and enthusiasm. They did a fantastic job! Thank you to Miss Davies for co-ordinating the day and to the School Council who helped with the shortlisting process. Also, thank you to the parents who gave up their afternoon to talk to the children in Key Stage 2 at the Careers Fair. Your support with this was much appreciated.



Blue House Cake Bake- thank you to the families in Blue House who baked for the Cake Bake on Monday and to those who supported it. It raised a total of £81. Thank you!

Parent Open Mornings- on Tuesday 30th January and Friday 2nd February, from 9am-9.30am, we are inviting parents in to school to come and look at your child's learning with them. For children in Year 2-Year 6, you will have the opportunity to meet with your child(ren) in the school hall and they will show you their books and talk to you about the learning they have enjoyed so far this year and the work that they are proud of. If you have more than one child, you can sit as a family and look through their work together. For children in Reception and Year 1, you will have the opportunity to watch the children take part in a short learning input and then you will be able to join them in learning in the provision areas (Reception) and look at their books in the hall





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(Year 1). If you have a child in Reception or Year 1 and children in other year groups, we would recommend you going into Reception/Year 1 initially and then going into the hall to meet with your other child(ren). If you have children in both Reception and Year 1, you will be able to move between the two classrooms.

Year 6 SATs Information evening- on **Monday 5th February at 5pm** we are holding a meeting to share information regarding the Year 6 SATs. It has been on the school calendar for Year 2 as well, but from this year, the Year 2 SATs are no longer statutory. It is therefore not necessary to meet with Year 2 parents. The children in Year 2 will still do assessments in the Summer Term to support teacher judgements, but this is normal part of practice in all year groups and the children are used to doing termly assessments, so it will not be anything new for them.

Measles Outbreaks-please see the attached guidance for parents which we have been asked to circulate, as in other areas of the country there have been outbreaks of measles and there is a concern that these outbreaks will spread to other areas of the county.

Calendar Dates-please see the attached calendar dates for this academic year and key dates below for events happening this term. The next PTA event is a movie night, which will be held in school, straight after school, on Wednesday 28th February. More information about this will be coming soon.

Key Diary Dates – Spring Term

January

- 26 Takeover Day
- 30 Parent Open Morning for all year groups (9.00 – 9.30 am in classrooms)
- 31 Beech Class Trip – Ripon Workhouse

February

- 2 Parent Open Morning for all year groups (9.00 – 9.30 am)
- 5 Y6 SATs information evening (5 pm)
- 8 Cross Country Final (Temple Newsam)
- 9 Young Voices (Y5)
- 9 School Closes for Half term
- 19 School Opens
- 19 National Child Measurement & Vision Screening (Ash & Oak)
- 28 SEND Hub Parent Drop in 9:00am (Hall)
- 28 PTA Movie Night

March

- 4 House Cake Bake – Yellow House
- 7 World Book Day
- 15 Comic Relief (inc. House orienteering competition)
- 18 – 22 Year 6 Bikeability
- 20 EYFS/KS1 Spring Sing
- 21 KS2 Spring Sing
- 22 Easter Service at Church-10am (Elm Class to lead)
- 22 School Closes for Easter holidays at 2.30pm

With very best wishes,
Gemma Whawell (Headteacher)

