

Weekly News



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank You!

Today we held a special assembly to say, 'Thank you, Goodbye and Good Luck' to Miss Baker. Miss Baker is starting a new job soon. We will all miss her very much and would like to say a huge thank you to her for all her hard work in school.



Good Luck!

Miss Baker



Kindness Café

We are spreading our 'Kindness Café' across our local community. This will start on Friday March 1st when we will be singing songs and planting bulbs at Neville Parade Community Centre. Future venues will be Aycliffe Care Home and Woodham Village Community Centre.

More information will follow in our first newsletter after half term.

Showcases

Project Showcases will be added to our school calendar after the half term holiday.

Rob Proud Pirate Training

Last week Rob Proud Fitness Coach visited school. Today children in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 have brought home a 'Robert Proud Pirate Training Card'. If your child completes the five exercises next week during half term and they return the card on the first day of term they will earn a free kids club voucher and a free wrist band.

Parents must provide their mobile number on the card to receive the free kids club voucher. Children do not have to take part. It is purely voluntary.

Child/Parent/Carer/Staff Meetings

We will be holding meetings on the following dates

Wednesday 6th March and Thursday 7th March- Parent, Teacher and Child Meetings 2pm-5.30pm (appointments to be arranged with class teachers- more details will follow in separate letters)

It is beneficial for the children to attend these meetings with you so please bring your child back to school with you, if your appointment time is after school.



Attendance

This week our winning classes in each department are Class 2 and Class 14. Class 2 had 96.6% and Class 14 had 96.3%.

They were the only two classes across school with 96% attendance or above and will be adding a leaf to their tulips on the hall displays.



Lates

We had 45 children arriving late last week! Thank you to all the parents and carers who have ensured children have arrived on time this week. This week we have had 22 children arriving to school late. That is such a positive trend- let's keep it up!

We really must stress that this impacts massively on staffing at the start of the school day when office staff and other staff members need to take children to class. Please ensure your child arrives promptly on time. Our first lesson every day is Maths. Children are missing valuable teaching and learning time. Thank you to all parents and carers who ensure children are at school on time.

Please help if you can



We are collecting used pencils in school at the request of a grandparent who sends them to a charity. If you have any writing pencils or coloured pencils at home that are no longer needed please donate to school after the half term holiday. Pencils can be very short. Many thanks.

DIARY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR- Spring Term 2024



Kindness Café every Thursday morning in the Key Stage 2 Dining Hall 9am- please join us if you can. It's always lovely to see new faces at this weekly event.

Children return to school Monday 26th February

Monday 26th February- Author Bev Walton in school working with Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Bev will be signing copies of her book at the end of the day in the Infant Foyer if any parents would like to purchase a copy.

Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th February- Author Adam Bushnell in school working with Year 3 and Year 4

Thursday 29th February- Year 5 Visit to Woodham Academy Planetarium

Thursday 7th March- World Book Day- Children's Illustrator and Theatre Practitioner Sam Green working with Year 1 and Year 2

Thursday 7th March- World Book Day- we have completed a survey with the children and they have decided they would like a non-uniform day for World Book Day. Children can come to school in non-uniform, pyjamas or dressed as a book character.

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Tuesday 12th March- Life Centre Visit- Reception, Year 5 and Year 6

Wednesday 13th March- Life Centre Visit- Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4

Friday 15th March- Red Nose Day- children to wear non-uniform. A school donation will be given.

We hope you all have a lovely week and thank you for all your support this week.

Kind regards,

Mrs O'Rourke and Mrs Legge

