

Friday 10th December 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all parents who have attended end of term events including the Winter Fayre and sing-alongs. Our three school choir has been performing at various events both in person and through video recordings. We are very proud of the commitment to music in our school and the many talented musicians we have. A huge thank you to our music teacher, Mr Clark Maxwell for his preparation and hard work. Instrumental lessons start again in the Spring Term and if you would like your child to gain from the many benefits of learning a musical instrument then please ask at our reception desk for an application form. Learning an instrument not only brings a lot of pleasure, it helps develop concentration, listening skills, patience, social skills and memory. We subsidise all lessons with an even cheaper rate for those eligible for Pupil Premium Funding and loan instruments to allow practise at home.

Despite the many sweet treats around at this time of year, we continue to ask that if children bring a packed lunch to school their lunch boxes contain a healthy and nutritious meal that will help them retain concentration in the afternoon. We do not allow children to have fizzy drinks, chocolate bars or crisps in our dinner hall and ask that you provide healthy alternatives such as low sugar juice, chopped vegetables and dried fruit. If you think you may be eligible for free school meals, please visit our school office and the admin team will support you in checking this.

The end of the term is drawing near but before the school closes at **2pm on Thursday 16th December 2021** we still have learning time and lessons to complete. Please make sure that your child attends every day until the Christmas break. Children return to school for the Spring term on **Tuesday 4th January 2022**.

Please make sure that children continue to read and practise key maths and writing skills over the holidays, whether it is writing a letter to Santa or playing card games and adding up the scores. We wish you all a very safe and happy holiday.

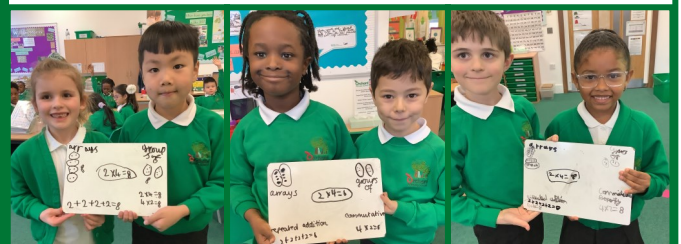
Thank you for your on-going support.

Ms Aimee Walker
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher

YEAR 2 MULTIPLICATION

This week, Olive Class have been learning different methods to help solve multiplication problems. They have been able to represent times tables using: arrays, groups of and repeated addition. They have also been learning about commutativity.



YEAR 5 COMPUTING

In Computing this term, Year 5 are working towards creating their own home design using Sketch-Up. This week, learners manipulated 3D shapes by using tools such as 'push and pull' and 'line' to incorporate a roof into their own design. Learners were also able to explain the design process using new skills learned this term.



EYFS PARENT READING

Thank you to all our parents in Early Years, who have been joining our weekly Friday morning reading session in EYFS classes. It has been lovely to see children and adults sharing their love of reading together.



ENJOY THE CHRISTMAS BREAK WHICH STARTS ON AT 2PM ON THE 16TH DECEMBER
THE SPRING TERM STARTS ON TUESDAY 4TH JANUARY 2022!



NURSERY EXPLORING

In the Nursery, children have been practising their fine motor skills to move coloured pompoms in order to complete their class rainbows. They have explored colour by mixing colour to create their own art piece and also experimented with technology by using bee-bots to navigate their way around a map.



YEAR 6 GEOGRAPHY

Year 6 are currently undertaking a geography unit. Last week they looked at a range of data, comparing the population of London to the Lake District. Using this data, pupils were then able to create their own thematic maps and discussed the differences in population and why this could be.

SPRING TERM COFFEE MORNINGS

We have organised a series of coffee mornings for parents based on your feedback. The face to face sessions have been very well received and we are keen that as many parents as possible take up the opportunity to join us. They run from 9:15am on Friday mornings and are open to all. Attending means a chance to meet other parents and school staff, as well as an opportunity to understand how we approach learning with your children in school. Don't forget also that parents of Nursery and Reception children are invited to stay on and read with their child, every Friday from 8.55am.

Date	Focus
Friday 7 th January	Maths: How can I support my child with their Maths homework?
Friday 14 th January	Communications: How can I access information about the school, events and my child's learning through the website and social media?
Friday 21 st January	Music: What does the music curriculum look like at our school?
Friday 28 th January	Writing: How can I engage my child to write creatively at home?
Friday 4 th February	Wellbeing: What will my child learn during the Children's Mental Health Week?
Friday 11 th February	Online safety: How to support my child to use digital technologies safely, positively and responsibly? (Safer Internet Day parent workshop for KS2 parents only)

KEY DATES

Spring Term 2022

Children's Start Date:
Tuesday 4th January 2022
Work and Enterprise Week:
24th January 2022
Safer Internet Day: Wednesday 9th February 2022
Half Term Holiday:
Monday 14th February to Friday 18th February 2022

Children's Start date:
Monday 21st February 2022
World Book Day:
Thursday 3rd March 2022
Parents Evening:
Thursday 24th March 2022
End of Term Finish Date:
Friday 1st April 2022 at 2pm

Summer Term 2022

Easter Monday:
Monday 18th April 2022
Children's Start Date:
Tuesday 19th April 2022
Families' Week:
Starts Monday 25th April 2022
Bank Holiday:
Monday 2nd May 2022
Science & Technology Day
(with Science Fair):
Monday 23rd May 2022
Half Term Holiday:
Monday 30th May 2022 – Friday 3rd June 2022

Children's Start Date:
Monday 6th June 2022
Staff Training Day: Friday 24th June 2022
Keeping Healthy Week (including sports day): Starts Monday 27th June 2022
Parents Evening:
Thursday 7th July 2022
End of Term Finish Date:
Thursday 21st July 2022 at 2pm
Staff Training Day:
Friday 22nd July 2022

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ATTENDANCE

Coming to school everyday makes a real difference!
Whole school attendance for last week was **94.6%**. **Well done to Sapling FT Class**, the weekly winners with **100%**.

