

Friday 25th February 2022

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had both a safe and enjoyable half term break.

During the week before half term we had a spot light on 'Children's Mental Health Week' in partnership with Unlocking Potential. Children had the opportunity to discuss what makes up our sense of identity and how this is important in ensuring confidence, learning how to make choices in line with own values as well as learning to understand and respect others. This builds on our work around 'belonging' undertaken last year and was an important opportunity to continue our reflections together. Children took part in an assembly and class discussions across the week. We hope you found the information and activity ideas sent home useful.

On **Thursday 3rd March** we will be celebrating World Book Day. All children are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character. Certificates will be given to all those dressed up across the school as well as a prize for best dressed book character from EYFS, KS1 and KS2! Costumes can be as simple or elaborate as time allows for and teachers will be happy to share ideas with you in preparation for the day. Look out for other school events linked to World Book Day on our Facebook and Twitter pages as well as posters on the school gates. We encourage all of our children not only to learn the mechanics of reading but also to learn to enjoy reading for pleasure. We are constantly refreshing our home reader libraries so that children have something new to read. Please help us with this by making sure that children read every night and record their reading in their home school diaries. Don't forget that there are also example questions that you can ask in the diaries, this helps children to develop their understanding and comprehension skills.

On **Thursday 24th March** we are holding our parent consultation meetings, where you get the chance to meet your child's class teacher, look at children's books and discuss their termly report. You will be receiving a separate letter inviting you to this in the next two weeks.

Thank you for your support.

Ms Aimee Walker
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher

PEER MEDIATORS

Our peer mediators have been learning about emotional coaching and how to support children by recognising emotions, empathising and building strategies to soothe and support. The children took part in role play to practise their skills before applying this in our playgrounds.



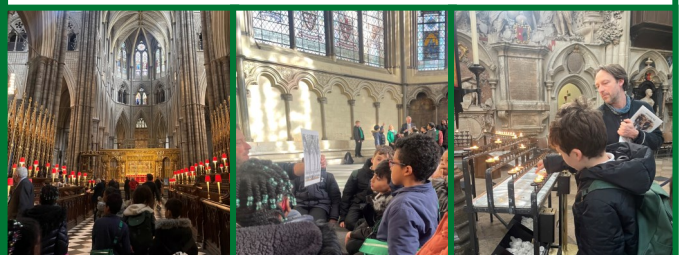
YEAR 2 PROBLEM SOLVING

Year 2 have been investigating 3D shapes. They have been using their problem-solving skills to identify which shapes roll, stack and can do both.



YEAR 4 WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Year 4 visited Westminster Abbey, as part of their RE topic. Their tour guides showed the children around the majestic building, sharing many interesting facts about the history of this magnificent building, Saint Edward the Confessor and the history of the building linking to the changing monarchy.



SMART BLACK SHOES FOR SCHOOL PLEASE!



ROAD SAFETY

RIGHTS RESPECTING AWARD

Our school Junior Road Safety Officers planned and delivered an assembly all about avoiding distractions. We discussed the importance of and staying alert by not listening to loud music or using a phone while walking. *Did you know 17 accidents each day are caused by pedestrian mobile phone use!*

School Councillors have been working towards the Rights Respecting Bronze Award. They have learned more about the rights of children and developed an informative video and presentation about key articles as part of the assemblies they will deliver next week.



COFFEE MORNINGS AND EVENTS

We continue to review evaluations weekly and plan content that parents ask for as well as relevant community content such as road safety and holiday activities. Where possible, we arrange for children to attend so you can experience learning alongside them. This year we are seeing record numbers of parents attending both coffee mornings and parent reading in EYFS, thank you so much for supporting the school and your children!

Date	Focus
Friday 4 th March	Physical Education: How does sport benefit your child? How can you get involved with sports in school?
Friday 11 th March	Science: What exciting experiments can I try with my child at home?
Friday 18 th March	Unconscious bias: How can I ensure I tackle unconscious bias in myself and others?
Friday 25 th March	Easter Holiday Activities: What activities can we try in the holidays and what local places can we visit?
Friday 1 st April	Parent Coffee Morning & /Reading Celebration Event

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 **94.8%**. **Well done to Cedar Class**, the weekly winners with **100%**.

