

Friday 25th March 2022

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Dear **Parents and Carers,**

We hope that you were able to meet with your child's class teacher at parents evening yesterday and enjoyed looking through your child's books. If you were not able to attend, please contact the school office or speak to the class teacher, so that we can arrange a new meeting time for you. If you did not collect your child's termly report, this will be posted to you. Each child's report contains targets and areas to work on in the coming term. Please help us to help your child by encouraging them to learn their times tables (or if younger counting in steps of 1,2,5 and 10), practise spellings and read at home either with you, or on their own. Children achieve so much more if they are encouraged to learn these key skills at home as well as at school.

Last week we undertook our annual pupil survey which all children in Year 1 to 6 were asked to take part in. Children had the opportunity to share their opinions about learning, personal development, wellbeing and behaviour. We will be sharing the headlines of the survey in the new term.

The Spring Term ends at **2pm on Friday 1st April 2022** and children will have a two week break. We will be following our full timetable up to this point, with learning every day. Please help us make sure that children receive their full 189 days of schooling this year by not asking for absences outside of the holiday period. Year 6 pupils return on the mornings of 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> April 2022 for their special booster camp and we re-open to all pupils on **Tuesday 19th April 2022.**

We will be setting holiday homework, including a research project for the topics that classes will be studying in the Summer term after the Easter holidays. Please encourage children to explore the themes they will be learning about. When children are using the internet, either through phones, games or on a computer or tablet please make sure that you monitor and observe that this is being done safely. Whilst the internet is a wonderful resource it also holds risks to children. There are some very useful resources for parents about how to protect children from online dangers at [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk).

Thank you for your support.

Ms Aimee Walker  
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie  
Executive Headteacher

## RECEPTION BALL SKILLS

In Reception, children have been developing their ball skills in PE. Last week this included throwing and catching. The children then challenged themselves by throwing the ball and clapping before catching it again! *How many can you do?*



## YEAR 5 INVESTIGATION

This week, Year 5 undertook an investigation along Regent's Canal in Victoria Park. They collected different water samples from a range of water sources and thought about the effect different environments might have on each water source.



## YEAR 4 GARDENING

In their gardening workshops, Year 4 learned more about Anglo-Saxon farming and how to find the differences between: wheat, rye, barley and oats. They then planted wheat, which will be used by our Year 3 pupils in September to make bread.



SPRING TERM ENDS ON FRIDAY 1ST APRIL 2022 AT 2PM  
**SUMMER TERM STARTS: TUESDAY 19TH APRIL 2022 AT 8:55AM**



## NURSERY SPACE

In Nursery, the children have been exploring space through role play by dressing up and carrying out different jobs astronauts have. They have also been using their fine motor skills to create their own rockets and to cut out stars to fill the night sky.



## YEAR 1 MATHS

Currently, Year 1 are exploring the different properties of shape in maths sessions. This week, Oak Class worked with a partner to identify and described the features of different 2D shapes. They were then able to group these shapes based on these features.

## COFFEE MORNINGS

We have lined up new coffee morning themes for the Summer Term. These run in the lower hall at 9:15am on Friday mornings. We hope that you can make time to drop in and join us. Tea, coffee and biscuits are all provided!

Date	Focus
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	<b>Earth Day:</b> How can I encourage my child to care for the environment?
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>PSHCE:</b> How do we celebrate diversity through our curriculum? (Families Week)
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Humanities:</b> What key themes taught and revisited throughout the Humanities curriculum?
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Reading:</b> How do we teach comprehension skills?
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Science:</b> How best can I support my child to develop their Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Maths:</b> How can I support my child to learn times tables?

## KEY DATES

### Spring Term 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 **95.2%**. Well done to **Cedar Class**, the weekly winners with **97.2%**.

