

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January

11th January	Y4 Swimming
18th January	Y4 Swimming
24th January	Y5/6 8-a-side Football Tournament
25th January	Y4 Swimming
26th January	Y5/6 High 5 Netball Tournament

February

1st February	Y3 Stepping Out Training
1st February	Y4 Swimming
5th February	Y6 Football Tournament
7th February	Y3 Stepping Out Training
8th February	Y4 Swimming
15th February	Regional Sports Hall Athletics
15th February	Y4 Swimming
16th February	Break for half term
26th February	School Resumes

March

6th March	Parents Evening
8th March	Parents Evening

Happy New Year!



New play area

We have just completed the next phase of our new outdoor area for children's play. A soft tarmac surface has been laid on the old vegetable patch. The next phase will be decided by the children where they will get to choose the equipment they would like to play on.



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Absences from School

If your child is absent from you must let us know why by 9.30am on the morning of the absence. This can be via telephone call, email or class dojo. If we do not hear from you we will attempt to get hold of you but if we are still unable to do so the absence will be marked as unauthorised. We have been advised by the education welfare officer that it is the parents/carers responsibility to inform the school of their child's reason for absence and any unauthorised absence will be reported to them.

Reminder;

New arrangements are now in place for the start of the school day.

- ◆ Gates are not open until **8.30am**, any child arriving at school between **8.30am** and **8.45am** will be supervised on the playground.
- ◆ From **8.45am** children can go straight into their classroom to get ready and organised for the day.
 - ◆ Lessons will not start until after registration at **9.00am**.
- ◆ The procedure for contacting Teachers will continue as before . We would encourage you to contact them with non-urgent matters via **Class Dojo**. If it is something which needs communicating more urgently at the start of the day, please contact the school office.
- ◆ Teachers will not be available to meet with parents/carers before school but are available if needed at the end of the day. **Parents/carers must access the school via Reception, if they wish to see a Teacher.**



School Meals

Just a reminder that school meals **must be paid for in advance**. We understand that sometimes this may get forgotten and of course would always ensure children have a lunch. However, parents are responsible for providing their child's lunch and school cannot fund school meals so would ask that accounts are brought up to date as soon as possible. Please do get in touch if you are struggling and we can check whether you are entitled to free school meals.

Attendance Bear Winners

Recent winners of the attendance bear have been as follows:



W/C 20/11/17 - 4NP

W/C 27/11/17—4JM

W/C 4/12/17 4JM

W/C 11/12/17 4JJ

Well done to the classes that have won the attendance award so far. It has been very close on quite a few occasions so keep up the good work everyone. It could be your class next!

With more of our pupils receiving mobile phones for Christmas help them to stay safe with these top tips.



Top 10 tips for mobile phone safety

- 1) Remember if you are being bullied it isn't your fault and there is nothing so awful that you can't speak to someone about it. Talk to a trusted adult at home or at school.
- 2) Don't reply to any nasty messages you receive.
- 3) Don't reply to a text from someone you don't know.
- 4) Keep the messages you have been sent so you can show them to a trusted adult and make a note of the time and date of the messages or calls you receive.
- 5) Don't answer calls from withheld numbers or numbers you don't recognise, let it go to voicemail.
- 6) Block numbers from people who are sending you nasty messages.
- 7) If you are bullied repeatedly you can change your number.
- 8) Don't give your mobile number to someone you don't know.
- 9) Don't send pictures to someone you don't know.
- 10) If the problem is serious you can report it to the police, cyber mentors, or childline.

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Friends of the School update:

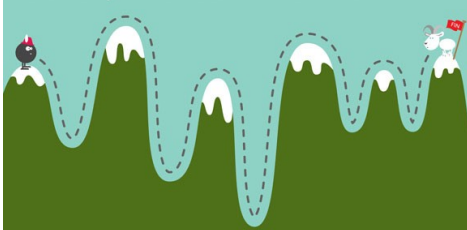
Easter Draw— following last year's resounding success we will again be holding an Easter Draw. Tickets will be sent home in early March. 1st Prize will be £100, 2nd prize £50, 3rd prize £25 with many other prizes to be confirmed. Any unwanted Christmas presents will be gratefully received as prize donations.



Bags2school - We will be holding another collection this Spring. Bags will be sent home before Easter to be filled with any unwanted clothes and returned to school.

Value of the Month; Perseverance.

Perseverance is not a long race;
it is many short races one after the other.



After School Clubs

Letters will be coming out soon advising of the Spring after school clubs we will be providing.

Bookings can be made on

www.schoolinterviews.co.uk using code **ufg97**