



Weekly Newsletter

3rd February 2017

Dear Parents,

Thank to parents for coming to see our Year 1 assembly, it's amazing to think we are only half way through the year and incredible to see how much they have learned! It was lovely to see you all during our parent drop in session on Thursday afternoon / evening. Thank you for all the donations of cakes, we have attached a separate letter explaining what we have spent the money on and what we are saving towards.

Just a reminder that bus changes should only happen in **emergencies** as this takes up a lot of time - even 2 changes per class means 8 children changing buses everyday and it becomes unmanageable.

Please see page 2 for attendance in each class. We understand that winter brings viruses and colds, but it is important to bring your child to school every day when possible. We will be calling families at 9am on days that their child is absent. Our attendance currently is well below national expectations and this is unacceptable. We also cannot authorise term time leave unless it is an exceptional circumstance. Thank you for working with us on this.

Have a lovely, restful half term and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday, 20th February.

Mrs Vicki Briody
Headteacher

Mrs Stephanie Savvides-Howell
Assistant Headteacher

Reception

Hello everyone,

Here we are at the end of another half term. This week we have been using our sounds to label the classroom. We have also been writing safety signs so that we remember how to stay safe in the classroom. In Maths we have been finishing off the concept of subtraction by making subtraction stories. We then worked as a class to work out our stories using part part whole.

We have now finished our phase 2 and 3 sounds in Phonics. We are all so good at using our words to write words and sentences. It is very important to write our letters correctly with proper letter formation. Part of the half term homework is to practice writing letters with correct formation. I have attached a few sheets of different letter formations to practice.

We have also been looking at money in our Maths meetings. There is a money activity in the homework this week.

Have a fantastic break and a well deserved rest.

Take care and see you soon. Mr Owens and Jackie.

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I want to say thanks to many of you who helped at the movie night 🎬🎥 all the setup, tidying, popping popcorn, passing out popcorn, selling raffle tickets, decorating....it takes a village 😊👏 thanks so much! The cake and card sale was great as well! Yummy cakes and beautiful cards at FAB Valentine's Day card and bake sale 🍰🍪 thanks all! ❤️❤️



Year 1

It was such a treat to see so many of you at our class assembly on Thursday—thank you for your support.

This week we have been using our writing toolkits to write setting descriptions of our own imaginings. The fairy door in our classroom has brought out some very interesting ideas! In maths we have been learning about division as you may have seen in our class assembly. We've been learning that not all groups can be shared equally and we call ones left over 'remainders'.

In our topic work this week we made Shakespeare Spoons (here is the character Bottom from A Midsummer Night's Dream)! West End in Schools will continue to run drama workshops on Friday afternoons after half term and the children have enjoyed their Shakespeare topic so much that we have decided to continue with it next term. In our English work we will be learning and writing our own poems and describing characters. I look forward to seeing you all after half term!



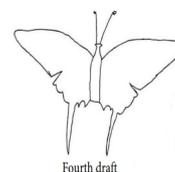
Year 2

Year 2 have had a really fun week! This week in English we wrote our invention text. The children chose a setting and have been mapping out their new setting description to write today. They did a great job! We have all been looking at poetry during guided reading and have answered questions about what we have read. Some people even had a go writing their own poems! In maths we continued with division and on Thursday, started looking at the links between division and multiplication. It was great to hear all the "aha!" moments as they children made these deeper connections.

In topic, we continued to investigate different art techniques to draw and plan aspects of our forest. The children particularly enjoyed looking at the progress of 'Austin's butterfly' which showed when you try really hard you can keep improving.

Please find the question type sheet for reading in with your child's homework.

Have a lovely and restful half-term and we look forward to seeing you after the break!



A busy week in Year 3!

In Maths the week we have been learning how to round 2 and 3 digits to the nearest 10 and 100. We even learned a rounding rap to help us further! We also thought about using rounding in every day situations like when we are at the supermarket and need to calculate a rough/estimation for what we are buying.

In Big Write this week we had a go at writing our key text before innovating a brand new part to add to our setting description. Some of us wrote about amazing trees; angry toadstools you might come across and others described a magical door.

Thanks again for all your hard work Year 3 and the continuous support from parents. Have a great half term! Miss Bell and Fred

Dates for your diaries

Year 2 Swimming: 24th February - 31st March 2017

Half term: Mon 13th - Fri 17th February

Spring term commences: Monday 20th February

World Book Day: Thursday 2nd March

Shakespeare performance: Thursday 30th March

Parent Meetings: Monday 3rd April, Tuesday 4th April

Gold Stars of the Week

Reception: Bruce, Solveig

Year 1: Leon

Year 2: Joseph

Year 3: Zacki

Attendance

Target: 98%

Reception: 92%

Year 1: 83%

Year 2: 88%

Year 3: 91%

