



**Live To Learn. Learn To Grow**

**Newsletter**  
**January 2023**

Happy New Year to all our families! This is the first newsletter of the new year and it has been another busy month.

### **Parent Questionnaire**

Thank you to all the parents who completed the Parent Questionnaire sent out on the 12<sup>th</sup> December. The responses were very positive. We received 120 parent responses.

- 98% of parents agreed that their child / children felt happy and safe at school
- 98% of parents agreed that school makes sure learners are well behaved
- 49% of parents stated that there are no issues linked to bullying and another 34% of parents felt issues were dealt with quickly if they did arise
- 89% of parents felt that they were made aware of what their child / children were learning
- 97% of parents said their child was encouraged to read at home
- 95% of parents felt that their child did well at school
- 95% of parents said they would recommend the school to another parent



### **Parent Phonic Workshops**

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Year 1 Phonic Parent Workshop on the 10<sup>th</sup> January. We had 36 parents in attendance. On the 21<sup>st</sup> February at 9:15 to 10:15am there will be another Phonic Workshop delivered. This will take place in the Key Stage 1 hall for Year 1 Parents who did not attend the last session. It is vital that you attend as this will help you to support your child with phonics at home and provide five games to play with your child. All those who attend the full session will receive a free pack of resources. Feedback from parents who attended the last session has been extremely positive and they now feel more confident supporting their child at home using the strategies and games shared.

### **Learning Zones**

Please log onto to the school website to see what your child's class has been learning this term. All the Learning Zones have been updated. This is a brilliant way of gaining information about what your child / children have been learning. In addition, at the beginning of every term the Medium Term Plans and Curriculum Letters are placed on the website so that you can look at what your child will be learning that term.



## Door Displays

Each term the door displays outside the classroom are updated to reflect the novel or author being covered by the class that term. These are always of a high standard to engage the learners with their reading. Please see the examples below:



## Holiday Dates 2023 to 2024

Please see below the holiday dates for the next academic year.

### Autumn Term 2023

<b>School Opens:</b>	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2023 (Inset Day)
<b>Children Return:</b>	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
<b>School Closes:</b>	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 3.15pm
<b>Half Term Holiday:</b>	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2023 – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 (Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October – Inset Day)
<b>School Opens:</b>	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2023
<b>School Closes:</b>	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023 at 3.15pm (Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December – Inset Day)



### Spring Term 2024

<b>School Opens:</b>	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
<b>School Closes:</b>	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
<b>Half Term Holiday:</b>	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
<b>School Opens:</b>	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
<b>School Closes:</b>	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March at 3.15pm

### Summer Term 2024

**School Opens:** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
**May Day:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024 (School Closed for Bank Holiday)  
**School Closes:** Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 at 3.15pm (Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> & Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Inset Days)  
**Half Term Holiday:** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024  
**School Opens:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024  
**School Closes:** Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 3.15pm















### Attendance

It is important that we continue to work together to improve attendance and punctuality. The school's attendance target is 97% for every learner although every learner should aim for 100%. Please refer to the holiday dates above if you are intending to book a holiday as this is the only time that holidays should be booked. Holidays during term time significantly impact on a child's social and academic development.

Between September and December 62 children have been on extended leave with an average of 30 sessions being missed at school. This is a total of 15 school days. This is a significant increase from last year and Learner Progress Meetings in the Autumn Term have shown that this has had a negative impact on the progress these learners have made as a result of absence from school. Please ensure that your child / children arrive at school on time each day otherwise they miss out on vital maths learning first thing in the morning.

**Attendance so far this academic year: 91.9%**

### **Class Attendance January 2023:**

RM	1M	2M	3M	4M	5M	6M
						
89.8%	89.5%	88.4%	88.7%	93.5%	94.9%	95.2%
RS	1S	2S	3S	4S	5S	6S
						
89.9%	91.5%	93.2%	85.5%	88.9%	93.4%	89.4%

### Finally

Thank you for your continued support.

If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact the Office to arrange a meeting with the appropriate member of staff.

School will remain open on the 1<sup>st</sup> February despite the strikes publicised.