



Newsletter

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Guided by God, to be the best that we can be.

UK Parliament Week



The children in year 5 are currently involved in UK Parliament Week. We have learnt about the history and development of Parliament including the Magna Carta, the Bill of Rights, Secret Ballots and the suffragette movement which fought for the right of women to vote. We have also been learning about the House of Lords and the House of Commons. We watched a debate and are now preparing for a debate of our own. You never know—we may have some future MPs in the making!



We have received a complaint about parents parking on the zig zag and yellow lines outside of school. Please note that the Parking Wardens and Local Police have been informed and will be making visits and giving parents spot fines – be warned!

Thank you to those parents who have taken photos, including registration numbers of offending vehicles which we will send on to the Parking Wardens.

The health and safety of our children is paramount and parking irresponsibly is a serious risk for children and parents trying to cross the road. There is ample space to park cars safely in the carpark, over the road, and we strongly request that all parents do this; **if someone else picks up your children please advise them of this requirement.** If cars are parked illegally, please inform of us of the registration number and we will pass it on to the Parking Wardens; our children's safety must come first. Thank you for your cooperation and to all those parents who already park their car safely.

Children in Need Day—13th November

Next Friday, is Children in Need. The children may dress up in something spotty or something bright that they would be easily seen in, on a dark morning/evening to promote safe cycling. Dressing up is optional but **please do not buy anything special, anything that is brightly coloured or spotty will be fine.** We will not be requesting donations this year to send to Children in Need however if you would like to donate to this very worthy cause, please do so through the national number.

As you know, we have entered a 4 week period of national lockdown. Thankfully, the children will come to school as normal unless they are clinically, extremely vulnerable; there are only a very few children in this category and a doctor/hospital will inform parents if this is the case. Where parents are classed as clinically vulnerable, the guidance is clear that children should still attend school. Please note: **It is very important that parents keep socially distanced from other parents while in the yard and keep their children with them at all times.** Our after school clubs will continue as normal over the next four weeks since we are operating them in class bubbles and we deem them very important in terms of children's physical and mental well-being.

SUPER LEARNER

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Rec	Sofia Iddison—for making super progress with her reading.
	Kaycee Whitehead—for making good progress in phonics and working hard at
Year 1	Neave Fretter— being 'Little Miss Numbot' and working very hard with her maths.
	Sophia Skinner— whizzing through her fast words after practising every night at
Year 2	Leighton Davidson—being an enthusiastic learner and always taking care with his written work.
	Leo Broadbent—super contributions to our work on Guy Fawkes.
Year 3	Jamie Teasdale—for beautiful presentation and lots of care taken over his work.
	Oliver Jagodzinski-Smith—for excellent participation and enthusiasm during class discussions.
Year 4	Susie Cooney—for amazing determination to edit and improve her writing.
	Stuart Britton—for always trying his best and giving everything a go inde-
Year 5	Filip Lonc— excellent participation in class discussions.
	Sophie Barrowcliffe— going over and above practising subtraction at home.
Year 6	Frankie Harris—Learning how to complete long multiplication in maths and using excellent descriptive language in English.
	James Ibbotson—Coming to school with a much more positive attitude and participating better in class .

ATTENDANCE

Our overall attendance is **96.36%**. Leave of Absence will only be granted in **exceptional** circumstances and definitely not to travel abroad as children can miss even more education if they need to self-isolate when they return. Please consider the effect on your child's education before requesting Leave of Absence

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS	Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Week 8	96%	97%	94%	95%	97%	96%	90%

Thank you very much to the parents who have responded to the request to join Class Dojo, a secure messaging system that allows parents and teachers to communicate, which is essential should a class need to lockdown or a child needs to self-isolate. We are also hoping to send your child's report to you next Friday to let you know how well they are doing since normal Open Evenings will not be taking place this term. If you have not responded yet, please do so as soon as possible. Thank You

DATES FOR DIARIES	
Friday 18.12.20	Break up for Christmas Celebrations
Tuesday 5.1.21	Return to school
Friday 12.2.21	Half term holiday
Monday 22.2.21	Return to school

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