



## Important Dates

- 11th January Green Class Swimming Wk 4 of 5
- 18th January Green Class Swimming Wk 5 of 5. Special Lunch.
- 24th January Red Class - Village Walk 1:30pm
- 25th January Purple Class Swimming Wk 1 of 5
- 9th February TL Productions - Last Order date for delivery to school on 15th Feb
- 15th February TL Productions - Order delivery to school
- 16th February School breaks up for half term

## Week 15

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all! I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas with your family and friends.

It has been a real pleasure to see all the children back and hear about some of the wonderful things they did throughout the festivities. The new term started with an assembly on New Year's Resolutions and ways to improve in the new year. Reducing screen time, reading and getting outside more were really positive ideas from the children and I think you would agree, are things we could all work on.

Mrs Munday  
(Headteacher)



## REMINDER

Please remember that we are a nut free school. Your child should not bring in nuts or nut products for snacks or lunch.

We have people in school that have severe nut allergies, therefore to keep everyone in the building safe, we ask you to be vigilant with snacks and lunches. Thank you.

# Attendance

Can we please remind you that if your child is not going to be in school for any reason, you **MUST** contact the school every morning. The purpose is to record accurately their attendance, but most importantly so that we know where children are. We have had a number of cases where we have not been informed of why a child is off school and have been unable to make contact with parents via text, calls or emails. Our procedure, in line with our policy, for those that do not contact us is:

- Text parents/carers
- Email parents/carers
- Make phone calls to parents/carers
- Make phone calls to other contacts provided
- If we can not make contact, we may carry out a home visit. If no one is there we will leave a letter to ask you to make contact. If we do not hear following this, we will contact the police as a matter of a safeguarding concern.

If your child is unwell, we will ask for the type of illness they have to ensure we have their attendance record is marked correctly. Not all illnesses require your child to be kept off school. Please see the NHS link below which gives guidance on timescales children should be kept at home for different illnesses.

[NHS Link](#)

## **Term Time Leave Absences**

If you know your child will be absent from school, we request that you complete a notification of absence form. These are available from the school office. Any leave of absence requests will be considered by the Headteacher and will be looked at individually. However, the Government has removed the discretion on Headteachers to agreeing term time leave, therefore you are strongly urged to avoid booking family holidays during term time.

Any absences where a request is not received but evidence suggests your child has been on holiday will result in a suspected holiday letter being sent and this will ask for a reason and evidence for the absence.

Any unauthorised leave of absence could result in a Penalty Notice fine being issued. Penalty fines are £120 (reducing to £60 if paid within 21 days) per child, per adult. Non payment of fines will result in a case being listed for prosecution in the Magistrates Court, without further warning being issued. If you have any questions regarding attendance, please contact the school office.

## **What sort of start is your child getting?**

**Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?**

**That's when every minute counts the most!**

**If your child is late every day by:**

**5 minutes means 3 school days lost**

**10 minutes means 6.5 school days lost**

**15 minutes means 2 weeks lost (10 days)**

**20 minutes means 2 weeks 3 days lost (13 days)**

**30 minutes means 3 weeks 4 days lost (19 days)**

**If your child arrives after registers have closed, this is marked as one unauthorised session.**

## Rainbow Class

Rainbow Class will be learning about Traditional Tales & Nursery Rhymes this half term.

On Monday, the children learnt the nursery rhyme 'The Queen of Hearts made some tarts'. They created play dough jam tarts and made salt dough, using it to make models of cakes which the children painted. In the kitchen, the children took it in turns to make jam tarts which they enjoyed eating when cool.



## Rainbow Class

This week, Rainbow Class have been introduced to The Challenge Tree. Each child has a challenge card hanging on the tree.

Independently, they have to complete the four challenges, sticking on a sticker when completed. If all the challenges are completed by Friday, they are awarded a special certificate.



## Blue Class

Blue Class have started a new English unit on 'Humorous poems' this week. Today we learnt the poem 'Uh oh!' by Ian Moore. Please find the video link below.

<https://youtu.be/GM5yWgd8GnE> - 'Uh oh!' Blue Class Poem



## Outdoor learning Orange Class:

Orange Class have thoroughly enjoyed taking their learning outside. We are currently learning William Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Nights Dream' as part of our Guided Reading topic this half term. Therefore we created a treasure hunt for the children to locate and retrieve information from the text based on the hidden clues.

Following the learning opportunity, Orange Class are learning about nature for our 'Textiles and Collage' element of Art this half term, so took our learning to the forest to explore and sketch different textures and surfaces of various barks to form a collage.

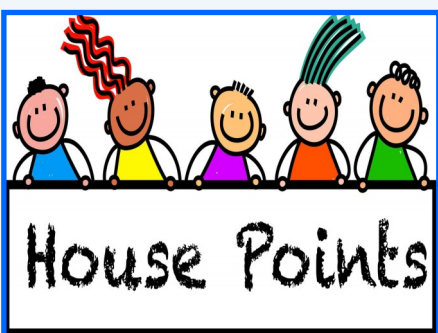


# Awards & Celebrations

Millie in Blue Class has received her Level 4 swimming certificate.



Rhys in Yellow Class and Willow and Maya in Green Class, have been taking part in the Pantomime 'Alice in Wonderland'. They have been busy over the past months working alongside the MADS (Melody Allsorts of Downham Market Society).



1st **Cranes**

2nd **Marsh Harriers**

3rd **Kingfishers**

4th **Swans**

## Above and Beyond

This week's Above and Beyond goes to two pupils (a first), Sienna and Poppy H in Yellow Class for their exceptional hard work to improve and the progress they have made.



# Information

## Donations for the Woodland Area

We kindly ask for donations of old blankets to set some activities on in the Woodland Area. Do you have any old decorating sheets/blankets/tarpaulin or anything similar that could be donated to the School?

Please can you bring them to the School office. Your help will be gratefully received.



## The Big Ambition

We have been asked to share the Big Ambition survey with you by the Children's Commissioner to help make sure that every child in England has an opportunity to share their views with policy makers ahead of the General Election.

The Big Ambition Survey has been launched to gather thoughts from all children and young people in England between 6 and 18 years old. The survey will be taken to the Government to show children and young people's views. Adults can answer on behalf of a child or young person under 18. More than 300,000 children, young people, parents and carers have participated, making it one of the largest surveys of its kind, the survey closes on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January. The survey is anonymous.

Please click on the link below to take part in the survey:-

<http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition>

**BFG**



### Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

Thank you to the BFG for purchasing the leavers hoodies. Please see our Year 6 pupils below.





If you would like your child to have the Special meal, please book using your Select log-in, in the normal way.

# FAVOURITE FOOD DAY

Thursday 18th Jan

Hotdog in a Bun  
with Tomato Ketchup, Chips  
and Beans

Quorn Hotdog in a Bun  
with Tomato Ketchup, Chips  
and Beans

Tomato Pasta or Jacket Potato

Iced Cupcake with Sprinkles



## Dates for your diary - New events shown in bold

2024	
11th January	Green Class Swimming Wk 4 of 5
17th January	Choir Club—School Hall 3:20pm
18th January	Green Class Swimming Wk 5 of 5
18th January	Special Meal—'Favourite Food Day'
24th January	Red Class—Village Walk 1:30pm
25th January	Purple Class Swimming Wk 1 of 5
9th February	TL Productions - Last Order date for delivery to school on 15th Feb
15th February	TL Productions - Order delivery to school
16th February	School breaks up for half term
26th February	Children return to school
27th February	Tempest Photography - Class Group Photos
7th March	Blue Class Swimming Wk 1 of 5
7th March	World Book Day. Details to follow
22nd March	TL Productions - Last Order date for delivery to school on 28th March
28th March	TL Productions - Order delivery to school
28th March	School breaks up for Easter
16th April	Children return to school
25th April	Red Class Swimming Wk 1 of 5
22nd May	Dinosaur Day—Rainbow Class only
24th May	School breaks up for half term
3rd June	Children return to school
6th June	Rainbow Class Swimming Wk 1 of 5
12th July	TL Productions - Last Order date for delivery to school on 18th July
18th July	TL Productions - Order delivery to school
19th July	School breaks up for Summer