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# **Important Dates**

Tuesday 4th February
Wednesday 5th February
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February
Friday 7th February

Choir Trip to Young Voices at The O2
No Choir after School

Green Class Swimming – Wk 6 of 6 BFG Disco KS1 6-7, KS2 7.15 - 8.15

# This Week...

# Fire of London - Red Class

On Tuesday afternoon, Red Class were joined by local firemen on the playground to help us carry out a Fire of London demonstration. The children had helped to make house fronts to replicate houses from the time of the fire. We then assembled our own street to use in the demonstration. The children have been learning about how the fire spread so quickly, including the high winds at the time, close proximity of houses and the materials they were made from. The children enjoyed the excitement of the afternoon and behaved very well.

Thank you to all the adults who helped us to experience fire first-hand!

Miss Brand







# Chinese New Year - Rainbow Class

Last Friday, Rainbow Class celebrated Chinese New Year. We watched Mrs Eaves cook a stir fry and helped her eat it and also tried prawn crackers, sweet chilli sauce and spring rolls. We made lucky Chinese envelopes and were given a chocolate coin to put inside. After watching a film about Chinese New Year customs, we made our own Dragon. Some children formed the body of the dragon, with Kurtis holding its head and leading the way, and other children played percussion instruments in time to a beat. After practising our dance and musical accompaniment in our classroom, we danced round the school visiting each class and wishing them a 'Happy New Year' in Chinese.

Mrs Eaves

# This Week continued...

# **Green Class - Magnificent Mountains**

Green Class have been looking at mountains in Geography and were set a homework task to build their own mountain. Mr Davies has been very impressed by the mountains that have made their way into the classroom.

They have been made from card, paper, clay, cardboard, newspaper, polystyrene, wood, masking

tape and cake. Some of them were labelled in great detail and it is clear that the children have spent a lot of time and effort in building them. They are all magnificent and the children can be

very proud of what they have created.

The picture shows the mountains that were not made out of cake... Mr Davies has been keeping very quiet about what happened to those.



#### **Term Times**

The latest edition of Term Times is in the foyer near the school office; please feel free to take your copy.

# Important Information ...

# **Premier Education—After School Clubs**

There are still spaces on some of the after school clubs.

If your child wishes to attend after school clubs you will need to book their place online with Premier Education.

If you have already registered on the Premier Education website booking will be straight forward;

- 1. Visit www.premier-education.com
- 2. Click on parents then book a course
- 3. In location enter the schools post code (PE14 8RH) which will list all events at the school
- 4. Select the course you would like to book and click 'BOOK NOW'

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- 5. It will ask you to register (if a new customer) before completing the booking

# Important Information ...

#### **Smart Watches**

It has come to our attention that more and more pupils are wearing smart watches to school. As some of these devices are able to record and take photos, send and receive text messages and may have a calculator function, we ask that they are not worn to school. We appreciate these devices can be expensive and we have already had reports of losses.

A standard watch or stepcounter is permitted, as this supports telling the time, however these are the children's responsibility to look after.

# **Bikes and Scooters**

Sadly, we have had some complaints that bikes and scooters left in the school bike shed are being ridden in the playground by others. Please can we remind you that once you have collected your children, they are appropriately supervised on the school grounds and not allow them to touch or ride bikes and scooters that are not their own property. Can we also please remind all parents that children, for the safety of all, should push their bikes and scooters and not ride them on the playground. Thank you.

#### **Parking**

Please be mindful when you are parking outside the school. On Wednesday, a parent's car was parked on the yellow zigzag lines, partially blocking the school car park entrance and stopping staff from coming into and leaving the car park. As there were children walking home at this time, this increased congestion and was hazardous.

#### **Attendance**

Please remember that if your child is unable to attend school for any reason it is important for parents to notify the school, by phone, *on each morning of an absence* to confirm why they will not be in. This important procedure is in place for safeguarding reasons. I am sure you would agree that it is important for everybody to know where the children are, as soon as possible, on a daily basis.

Please be aware that if your child has three or more days unauthorised absence within four weeks, the school may be required to refer for a penalty notice. Additionally the school may be required to ask for medical evidence in order to authorise more than three days off sick.

# **Earrings and PE – Thank you**

Recently, we reminded you about the policy regarding earrings in PE. We have noticed a marked improvement in the number of children who are happy to take their earrings out or who come to school without them in on PE days. We are finding that we are able to start PE lessons safely with a lot less fuss and with a more positive attitude from these children. We would just like to say a quick thank you for supporting us in this and look forward to it continuing.

#### Choir

There will be no choir after school next Wednesday, 5th February.

# For your information....

# **Caught Reading**

Last week we launched a new and exciting initiative in school called 'Caught Reading'. Each time a child is seen reading a book outside class, in break times etc they will be handed a card to post in the 'Caught Reading' post box.





On the last Friday of each month a winner will be drawn from the box and a prize given to that person.

This months winner is Caitlin in Purple Class.

# Coming Up ...

# **SATs and Quizzes**

Dates for the KS1 guizzes and KS2 SATs are now in the 'dates for your diary'.

We would like to remind you of the importance of your children being in school on the dates that the Quizzes for KS1 and SATs for KS2 take place. Thank you

# The Book Fair

We will be holding a book fair, provided by Travelling Books from Wednesday 26th February until Monday 2nd March from 3.15pm—4.30pm. World Book Day vouchers will be given out before the book fair and are accepted by Travelling Books.

# **Parents' Evenings**

Parents' Evenings are taking place on the 9th and 11th March from 3.30pm, again we will be using the online booking service via ParentMail.

Appointments will go live on ParentMail at 9am on Monday 24th February. You will receive an email advising that the booking window is open. At this point, you should log onto ParentMail where you will see a red notification mark.

Select each child you need to make an appointment for and select the time you require. Follow this link if you need help with booking or editing appointments: https://www.parentmail.co.uk/help/parenthelp/applications/parents-evening-manager/

If you need further assistance please contact the school office.

# Awards and Celebrations....

# School Matters! Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

### **Attendance**

Our attendance figures for the week ending Friday 24th January are as follows:

Gold is awarded to Purple Class with 97.9%.

Silver goes to Yellow Class with 97.2%

Bronze goes to Orange Class with 96.9%.

The winner of the 100% attendance prize for week ending 24th January 2020 is Noah in Blue Class.



In 3rd place this week are Robots, in 2<sup>nd</sup> place are Windmills and in 1<sup>st</sup> place Combines.

# Well Done

Well done to Harry of Orange Class who played in a tournament on Sunday for Peterborough United away at MK Dons. They played MK Dons, West Ham & Gillingham, and he scored 2 of the 11 the team totalled overall.

Congratulations to Delilah who has passed her Level 1 in Swimming.

# Above and Beyond...

This week's 'Above and Beyond' goes to Megan in Yellow Class for working extremely hard to improve her mathematical understanding.



# Dates for your diary - New events shown in bold

Thursday 13th February Friday 14th February Friday 14th February Monday 24th February **Monday 24th February** Tuesday 25th February Wednesday 26th February Thursday 27th February **Thursday 27th February** Friday 28th February Friday 28th February **Monday 2nd March Tuesday 3rd March** Thursday 5th March

Friday 6th March **Monday 9th March** Wednesday 11th March Thursday 12th March

Friday 13th March Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March Thursday 19th March Monday 23rd March Thursday 26th March Friday 27th March

Friday 27th March **Monday 30th March** Tuesday 31st March Wednesday 1st April

Monday 20th April Friday May 8th Monday 4th May -Friday 15th May Monday 11th May -Thursday 14th May Monday 18th May

Friday 22nd May Monday 1st June

Monday 8th June -Friday 12th June Monday 8th June -

Friday 26th June Monday 15<sup>th</sup> -

Wednesday -17<sup>th</sup> June Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June Monday 22nd June

Thursday 25th June

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July

Tuesday 21st July

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August 16th October 2020

Purple Class Swimming Wk 1 of 6

Family Support Worker drop in session 2pm-3pm

Last day of term

Children return to school

Parents' Evening Booking Open—ParentMail Lunchtime Co. Promotional Lunch; Pancake Day

Book Fair - in school 3.15pm - 4.30pm

Purple Class Swimming Wk 2of 6 Book Fair - In school 3.15pm - 4.30pm

Family Support Worker drop in session 2pm-3pm

Book Fair in school 3.15pm—4.30pm Book Fair in school 3.15pm - 4.30pm

Red and Blue Class Trip - National Space Station Leicester

World Book Day

Whole School Assembly—Parents Invited 9am Lunchtime Co. Promotional Lunch; World Book Day

Purple Class Swimming Wk 3 of 6

Bags 2 School - Collection

Parents' Evening 3.30pm-7.00pm Parent s' Evening 3.30pm - 5.30pm Purple Class Swimming Wk 4 of 6

Family Support Worker drop in session 2pm-3pm Last order date for uniform – delivery by 27<sup>th</sup> March

Purple Class Swimming Wk 5 of 6

BFG Meeting 6.00pm

Purple Class Swimming Wk 6 of 6 Rainbow Class Trip—Letter to follow

Family Support Worker drop in session 2pm-3pm Purple Class Trip - Stibbington Victorian day Tempest Photography—Group Photos 9am Lunchtime Co. Promotional Lunch; Happy Easter

BFG Easter Egg Hunt Last day of term

Children return to school

Bank Holiday

KS1 quizzes (SATs) - (2 weeks)

KS2 SATs

PGL—Parent Information Session 4.30—5.30

Last day of term

Children return to school

Year 1 Phonic Tests

Year 4 Time Table Checks - exact dates to be confirmed

Y5 & Y6 PGL Residential Trip

NHS Vision Screening - Rainbow Class

CCC Reception & Y6 Height and Weight Checks

Bags 2 Schools - Collection

Last order date for uniform – delivery by 13<sup>th</sup> July

DMA Year 6 Transition Days DMA Year 6 Transition Days

Last day of term

Last order date for uniform – delivery by 4<sup>th</sup> September

BFG Disco KS1 6-7, KS2 7.15-8.15

# Are you a parent or carer of a child with additional needs and disabilities in Wisbech?

# **Pinpoint**

runs FREE workshops
for parents and carers
that can help you, your child
and your family and you
don't need a diagnosis to
come along!

"I am never judged" Come and join us at Queen Mary Centre, 9.30am - 12.30pm

> 26th February 25th March 29th April 20th May 24th June 9th July



Because you are not alone

