



AUTUMN TERM
First Half-term 2019
Issue Number 31

Back to School

PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL AT THE USUAL TIME on Monday, 28th October 2019. Registration bell sounds at 8.50am.

HEADLINES

• **Changes to REWARDS as from September 2019**

Please refer to a separate letter for information on this. I am re-sending this information that was sent out at the end of last term as we've had a few questions this term.

• **Sports**

On Wednesday 9th October, staff from the Get Ahead Partnership visited our school to deliver 'Sports Force' to 20 pupils from year 4 and 5. This involved the children understanding the five qualities of a leader and taking part in communicating, officiating, planning, leadership and equipment responsibilities. The children all received a bronze record card; they will be able to complete the reward and progress onto their silver and gold level when they take part in delivering their own sessions.

Sports Force is also a great way to bring confidence out of children to plan and deliver their chosen sport session.

• **Space Centre – Year 5**

Year 5 visited the National Space Centre in Leicester this term. The children learnt all about life in space. We explored different parts of space including how night and day happen, the different planets and we even got to program our own robot. Please follow us on Twitter to find out more about our Space topic next term.

• **Macmillan Coffee Morning – Year 5**

Thank you to all the staff, family members and children who supported this great cause. We raised £305.91 and had so many positive comments on how the morning was organised.

• **Barton Water's Edge - Year 4**

On Wednesday 4th September, Year 4 went to Barton Water's Edge to learn more about rivers, bridges, animals and their habitats ready for their topic on Land, Sea and Sky this half term. There, they sketched the Humber Bridge, observed different animals, explored different habitats and went on a wildlife hunt. The children's brilliant behaviour was commented on by members of the public, who also enjoyed discussing with the children the purpose of the visit. Since the trip, the Year 4 pupils have been implementing what they discovered into their Science lessons and will continue to apply their learning next half term when they look at rivers in Geography.

• **FS1 Newsletter contribution**

The FS1 children have made a brilliant start to the new school year, settling well into the morning routine and working hard towards earning their reward party for reaching their 'Shine' target. We have a multi-sensory investigation area where we have been finding out about light, reflection and how torches work. We are learning about sounds in our names and through Jolly Phonics songs. We love to share books in our Reading jungle and teach each other rhymes in the musical area. We are using our teamwork skills to build models in the construction area. We are having lots of fun in the outdoor area making mud cakes in the mud kitchen and digging for treasure in the large sandpit.

Maternity Leave

We wish Mrs Simpson all the very best as she leaves us sometime in November to embark on her maternity leave. We wish her all the very best and look forward to seeing her new baby very soon.

Miss Mawson returns to us in January after her maternity leave; she has a lovely baby boy who has been to visit us with smiles quite a few times. Our thoughts at the moment is to have her support the Year 6 team in having an extra class in this year group. This will mean there will be four extremely 'tiny' classes in Year 6 as from January.

Attendance (%) – WHOLE Year!

FS1 - 89.62%		
FS2 CH - 96.79%	FS2 LC - 92.66%	
1H - 93.71%	1M - 95.54%	
2K - 96.72%	2R - 94.82%	2G - 98.09%
3W - 96.79%	3S - 93.55%	
4C - 94.58%	4S - 96.60%	
5D - 97.05%	5G - 96.97%	
6F - 94.37%	6T - 95.52%	6C - 95.95%

95.57% in total, not including nursery.

Overall, highest attendance for this term so far: Y2G. This is just in line with national average and a better start to the year. Thank you to all the family members who ensure that their child/children attend school regularly and on time.

Meet Our Governors

Our next Family Forum will be Thursday 7th November from 9am to 10am with the theme, 'Meet the Governors'. Bacon sandwiches and other refreshments will be available. We hope to see a lot of you at this event.

Congestion – Front of School Complaint

We have tried to address this on numerous occasions but as the area immediately outside our gates is not within our jurisdiction, we are very restricted to what we can do. What we can do is ask you very kindly to leave these areas clear after you have picked your child at the end of the school day and allow other family members and children to pass through. We also plead with you to abide by any signs and road markings and to park in the appropriate areas. We hope we can count on you to work with us for the safety of all; thank you.

New Academic Year 2019 to 2020			
28 th October 2019	Monday	Pupils back at school	Autumn Term 2019
4 th November 2019	Monday	FS1 + FS2 Parents Meetings	
5 th November 2019	Tuesday	Y1 + Y2 Parents Meetings	
6 th November 2019	Wednesday	Y3 + Y4 Parents Meetings	
7 th November 2019	Thursday	Y5 + Y6 Parents Meetings Chelsea Pensioner Visit	
Week beginning 11 th November 2019		Anti-bullying Week	
Week beginning 18 th November 2019		Road Safety Week	
29 th November 2019	Friday	Flu Vaccinations	
4 th December 2019	Wednesday	Flu Vaccinations – catch up	
6 th December 2019	Friday	Christmas Fayre	
9 th December 2019	Monday	FS2 Christmas Concert	
10 th December 2019	Tuesday	FS1 Christmas Sing-a-long	
18 th December	Wednesday	FS1/FS2 – Breakfast with Santa /parent craft	
19 th December 2019	Thursday	Wear a Christmas Jumper to School School closes– END of Term after end of day at 2pm	
7 th January 2020	Tuesday	Pupils back at school	Spring Term 2020

Year 2

Year 2 have been working with a local artist, Roy Ealden, to create a piece of work highlighting the problem of single use plastics in our oceans. We have created fish using plastic bottles as a template. We will be painting them based on our own design. This will link into our next topic on Materials, where we will be writing a persuasive piece in English about the use of single use plastics and how they damage our planet and the animals and plants within it.

We have had a thoroughly enjoyable workshop this term telling us all about the life of Florence Nightingale. We got to dress up as soldiers and nurses and acted out what life was like in the hospital in Scutari that she went to help during the Crimean War. We also got to handle and use some Victorian artefacts with Sidney Herbert. Please see Twitter for photographs.

Visit to the Graveyard – Year 6

Y6 visited St Peter's churchyard to help inspire them with writing a setting description in English and build their understanding of local history. The children were able to generate lots of ideas regarding the five senses and incorporated some fantastic vocabulary to really set the scene. Visiting the churchyard provided the children with a first hand experience and something they could draw upon to support their ideas. They produced some spine-tingling independent writing! Very appropriate for this time of the year – Halloween!

Our Governors do a lot for the school, from supporting on school trips and events to challenging the leadership on performance. This is a voluntary role and we thank them most sincerely for the time they invest in our school.

Thank you to all our hardworking staff and to our family members for your support. Have an enjoyable half-term,

Mrs Thorpe