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Respect, Hope, Friendship and Forgiveness.

Newsletter Spring Term

Friday 12th January 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you all had a wonderful break and best wishes to you all for the coming year.

This week in Act of Worship we have been thinking about the word aspiration, as the phrase 'aspire to be the best we can be' is part of school vision. The children were all invited to wear a hat yesterday as they started to create their own hatful of dreams - what they want now, for the next few years and also what they want to be or do as they get older. We will continue with this next week to create a display of our work. It would be really lovely to include some of your dreams and aspirations as parents and carers. Next Monday and Tuesday, before and after school, I will be under the canopy with some members of church group. If you could spare a few minutes to add your thoughts that would be much appreciated. We look forward to reading your thoughts.

Best wishes,
Mr Blackburn.

Staffing - SENDCO:

Due to Mrs Missett planning to take early retirement in April 2024, we have recruited Mrs Brunton and Mrs Banham internally as SENDCOs from April 2024. Should you have any SEND concerns, Mrs Brunton will deal with them for EYFS (Reception) and KS1 children and Mrs Banham for KS2.

Attendance:

Please can we remind you that we aim for all children to achieve **at least 96%** of sessions in school. Anyone who is less than 90% is classed as a persistent absentee. We have seen a rise in the number of children taking extended leave abroad. Please can we stress that holidays **will not** be authorised unless it is deemed by Mr Blackburn as a one off, extreme, necessary and unavoidable circumstance. £60 fines per parent, per child will start to be processed in the coming weeks.

Medical appointments for all children should be made for **outside of school hours** unless it is an emergency. We will now be asking for evidence, e.g. text messages or letters evidencing the emergency appointment.

Dates for your diaries:

Parent's Evening
- Tuesday 30th
January

Parent's Evening
- Thursday 1st
February

School Closes -
Friday 9th
February

School Reopens -
Monday 19th
February

School Closes -
Friday 22nd March

School Reopens -
Monday 8th April

School Closes -
Friday 24th May

School Reopens -
Tuesday 4th June

School Closes -
Friday 19th July



New RSE Policy:

In the next few weeks, some parents will help staff review our RSE policy, if you would like to join us and didn't pass your name on onto the school office before Christmas, then please do so at the school office by the latest Tuesday 16th January.

Parent's Evening:

Parent's Evening booking will go live on **Monday 15th January**. You should all receive an email which allows you to book your slot. Emails are only sent to emergency contact number 1 and if you have provided school with an email address. Please ensure you check both your inbox and junk folder just to be sure. If you don't receive an email, please contact Miss Stanley in the office and she will book your appointment for you.

Parent's Evening is over two evenings after school:

- Tuesday 30th January – 3.30 – 7pm.
- Thursday 1st February – 3.30 – 5pm.

Please ensure you book as soon as possible as appointments will go on a first come basis. We hope you are looking forward to this event!

Reading Friends:

Please see the Class Dojo post regarding the reading friends scheme. This begins on Tuesday 16th January from 12pm until 3pm and is every Tuesday for four weeks. To book onto this, please see the poster on Class Dojo which contains all the details.

ParentPay:

Please ensure ParentPay debts are cleared weekly. Charges are applied for breakfast club (£1.50 per session), rainbow club (£2 per session) and school dinners for Y3 and Y4 (£2.55 per meal). Thank you.



St John's Stars



	Minahil
	Ayezah
	Eesa
	Umaina
	Lucas
	Aafiyah
	Daanya



Weekly Attendance

	88%
	92%
	93%
	92%
	93%
	94%
	93%