



### **Dear Parents and Carers**

Thank you for your amazing effort for Children in Need. We all look wonderful in our pyjamas today....however don't believe the rumours about them being a new uniform!

### **Absence**

Thank you for calling in when your child is off school ill. I know this is stating the obvious, but when you leave a message, please can you include in your message, the child's full name, class and what is wrong with them. We have had many calls lately where we have had no name and had to play detective!

In addition, if your child has vomited or had an episode of diarrhoea, the schools policy is that your child cannot attend school for 48 hours after **last episode** of sickness.

### **Allergens and Dietary Requirements**

This is just a reminder that we are a nut and orange free school due to student and staff allergies. If your child's dietary requirements have changed and this includes becoming vegetarian/vegan please do let the office know so that we can ensure that this is followed.

### **Top Readers**

Well done to the children below who are the top readers for their class on accelerated reader. We have had some good feedback from parents about how much children enjoy using this at home! This is from 6th November to 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023 inclusive.

3H	Manuel A	5T	Arthur C
3KH	Filip S	5W	Milo S
4E	Florence L	6BD	Maddison H
4F	George F	6P	Emrys L

### **Lateness**

We have noticed that lateness is creeping up again. The gates open at 8.30 and the classroom doors open at 8.40. School starts at 8.50. If you come after this, you need to come in to the office, as the classroom doors will be closed. We do this so the children who are in class on time can get on with their early bird maths. It is very disruptive if children come in late and then need to have the instructions again, as well as the fact that they are missing learning.

We know that in every family there will be unexpected events and that you might be late once in a while, or that a bus may not come; that is fine, it happens. We do however, have many families where lateness is persistent and that is not ok. Please make every effort to

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get to school on time and ready to learn; it sets up children in good habits for life. Thank you.

### **Music Assembly**

We have had a fantastic attendance from parents for this week's assembly, thank you. Next week it will be for children in years 1, 2 and 4.

### **Library Books**

Thank you to everyone who has looked for missing library books. On Wednesday, we had 89 books overdue/missing and this is already down to 67, which is great. We really love that children can borrow books from our library as we want them to be keen readers and the library in town is quite a distance away. We cannot afford as a school however, to lose this volume of books and we will restrict access to library books where children are not taking care of them. Please can you support the children by making sure their books are in a bag so they do not get wet and that they are kept away from toddlers who draw on them or rip them up! Thank you.

### **Some useful dates for this term**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 9am - Music Assembly for children in Years 1, 2 and 4

#### **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December Non-Pupil Day – school is shut**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Lunch Nursery to Year 2

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December Nursery Nativity 2pm

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Lunch years 3,4,5 and 6

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December Santa Run for whole school

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> 2pm Christmas Fair

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December Carol Concert at St James' Park for choir (evening)

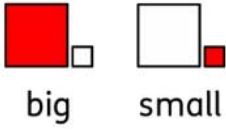
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December Reception Nativity 2pm

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December Carol Concert years 1 to 6 after school-details to follow

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Jumper Day

## NURSERY

Signs of the week



Nursery have had a lovely week learning about Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We have tried porridge with lots of different toppings, we have learnt the signs for big and small and have enjoyed singing our new nursery rhyme 'When Goldilocks went to the house of the bears'. The children have also been sorting by size and showing great teamwork by building structures together. Well done Nursery!



## RECEPTION

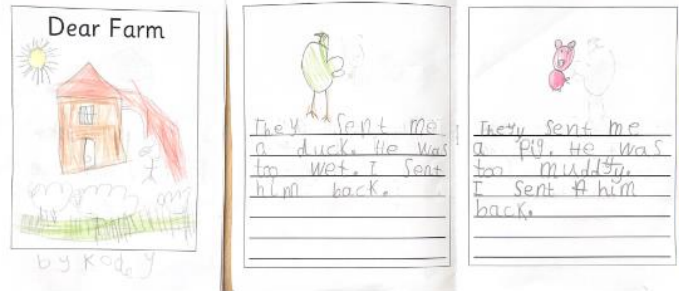
We have started to learn about Transport this week. We have learnt about tractors, aeroplanes, trucks and submarines.



The children have also been sharing pictures of transport they have been on with their loved ones too.



## YEAR 1



We became authors and illustrators this week. We wrote our own versions of Dear Zoo. The children are very proud of their final pieces.



We've also been learning about old and new toys in History. We learnt about the invention of the teddy bear and compared the first teddy to our modern day equivalents.

## YEAR 2



Year 2 have had a very busy two weeks, with our Robots and Rock stars Day, the start of our outdoor learning and geography projects and our trip to Haldon Forest! The children have enjoyed exploring micro habitats, discussing whether something is alive, dead or has never been alive and finding the four countries of the U.K. in atlases!



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<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Main Meal</b>	<b>Main Meal</b>	<b>Main Meal</b>	<b>Main Meal</b>	<b>Main Meal</b>
Chicken Breast Fillet with or without BBQ Sauce, Rice or Pasta and Salad Bar	Beef Chilli, Rice and Sweetcorn	Roast Turkey, Roast Potatoes, Fresh Veg Medley	Pasta Bar (Various toppings to choose from), Garlic Focaccia and Sweetcorn	Sausage Roll with Chips and Beans
<b>Vegetarian Option</b>	<b>Vegetarian Option</b>	<b>Vegetarian Option</b>	<b>Vegetarian Option</b>	<b>Vegetarian Option</b>
Vegetable Potato Boats, Sweetcorn and Salad Bar	Margherita Pizza, Potato Wedges, Peas and Sweetcorn	Veg filled Yorki Pudding with Roast Potatoes, Fresh Vegetables and gravy	Vegetable Katsu Curry with Rice and Salad Bar	Halloumi Burger with Chips and Baked Beans or Peas
<b>Jacket Potato</b>	<b>Jacket Potato</b>	<b>Jacket Potato</b>	<b>Jacket Potato</b>	<b>Jacket Potato</b>
With Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo
<b>Dessert</b>	<b>Dessert</b>	<b>Dessert</b>	<b>Dessert</b>	<b>Dessert</b>
Flapjack Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt	Apple Crumble and Custard Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt	Ice Cream Pot Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt	Muffin Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt	Crispy Cake Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt