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Newsletter



What a brilliant week!

I am so proud of all the children in school this week. I have seen terrific team work, fantastic friendships and wonderful work! Everyone has looked fantastic in their 'Rockstar' outfits today so look out for photographs on our twitter page. Now the challenge has really started for children in Year 2—Year 6 as they develop their recall of times table facts using the TTRS App. Who will be crowned TTRS champ for 2022? I can't wait to find out!

Over the last few days, we have seen our children become immersed in new topics, learning new skills and developing a strong knowledge base. It is fair to say we have had a very busy start to the school year. On the class webpage you will be able to find a '**Parent Information Booklet**' which contains information for your child's new areas of learning for the half term. This will provide you with facts, vocabulary and interesting information the children will be learning in school. You can use this to talk to your child at home as this will help them remember new knowledge and skills they are learning. As ever, we are looking forward to seeing the fantastic homework you complete together. This can now be brought back into school.

All the staff are especially proud of our new school starters. They have settled well into school life and have enjoyed learning with their new friends. Our Nursery children have already started performing nursery rhymes for their parents and carers. We have some genuine stars in the making!

If you haven't already done so, you can follow us on Twitter (@MackieHill) to see photographs from the school day.



A polite notice to remind parents to park sensibly around school whilst being considerate to our community.

We are lucky to have a car park for parents to use. We appreciate this can be busy. Please do not park in the staff car park at the top of the hill. We have emergency evacuation plans in place and parking here hinders this. Thank you for your cooperation.

Upcoming Events

27th September - Reception, Year 1 & 2 Phonic Morning

W/C 4th October—Book Fair

7th October - Individual School Photographs

6th—8th October - Bikeability Y2

15th October—Y6 Class Assembly

18th October—Harvest Assembly

19th & 20th October—Bikeability Y6

19th & 20th October—Parent Consultation Evenings

20th October—Flu Vaccinations

22nd October—Y5 Class Assembly

Friday 22nd October—School closes for half term.

Monday 1st November—School opens.

2nd November—PTA fundraising Bonfire / Spooky Disco.

2nd November—Y1 Educational Visit

5th November—Y4 Class Assembly

12th November—Y3 Class Assembly

17th November—Herd Farm parents meeting

18th November—Robinwood parents meeting

19th November—Y2 Class Assembly

26th November—Y1 class Assembly

2nd December—Christmas Fayre

3rd December—Nursery and Reception Class Assembly

6th December 2:30pm—Nursery, Reception, Y1 & Y2 Christmas Concert

7th December 9:30am—Nursery, Reception, Y1 & Y2 Christmas Concert

8th December 6pm—Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Christmas Concert

13th December—Christmas Party week!

16th December—Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

17th December—School Closes for the end of term.

Further information for all these events will be shared nearer the time. Please note: we endeavour to keep to this schedule but from time to time dates will alter.

Flu Vaccinations

The nursing team will be in school on **Wednesday 20th October** to administer flu vaccinations to Reception—Y6 children. You must give consent for your child to have the vaccine.

If you haven't returned the letter and you would like your child to have it, please collect a letter from the office ASAP.

Before and After School Club



Parents can book places for children via the school office and complete the necessary paperwork.

We aim to provide engaging, fun and reliable childcare for families of our school.

Before School Club - 7:30am—8:45am

After School Club - 3:15pm—5:30 pm (6pm special request)



PTA
Home & School Together

to ensure we continue to raise funds for school.

We had a busy meeting this week planning many events over the coming weeks so look out for more information in the upcoming newsletters and notices on the school App.

If you would like to join our PTA we would love to hear from you. Please contact our PTA Chair, Danielle Ward, via the school office.

Attendance

Attendance in school continues to be a priority and will be monitored extremely closely. If your child is ill and will be absent from school, please telephone the school office and leave a message on the absence line from 8:15am. If further information is required, a member of the office will telephone you later in the morning.

If your child's attendance becomes a concern, you will initially receive a school letter, followed by a meeting in school with a member of the leadership team and the Educational Welfare Officer.

Term time school holidays will not be authorised, unless the holiday is deemed necessary in exceptional circumstances. If you take your child out of school you may be issued with a fine as per the local authority policy. If you have a query about the school holiday procedure, please speak to Mrs Cummings in the office.

Reading Raffle

Well done to those children who are reading regularly at home. If your child reads at home 3 times in a week, and they have their reading record signed, they will be entered into a weekly draw to win a book.



Keep up the great work for your chance to win a reading book each week.

*Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs. J Elliott.*