



NEWSLETTER NO 8 - Monday 7th January 2019

| | Term Begins | Finish | | Return | Term Ends |
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| Spring 2019 | Thursday 3 January | Friday 15 February | Half Term | Monday 25 February | Friday 5 April |
| Summer 2019 | Wednesday 24 April | Friday 24 May | | Tuesday 4 June | Wednesday 24 July |
| Autumn 2019 | Wednesday 4 September | Friday 25 October | | Monday 4 November | Thursday 19 December |

Inset Days: 2 January 2019, 23 April 2019, 3 June 2019, 2 September 2019, 3 September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year!

I trust everyone has had a good Christmas holiday and has recovered slightly from what felt like a very quick return. On behalf of the staff and myself, can I thank you all for your gifts or staff room goodies prior to the holiday which made the Christmas season all the more enjoyable - these were very kind and thoughtful.

This is the first newsletter of the new year and you will notice it has appeared on a Monday and via a website link. This is in response to parental feedback where information received just before the weekend is often lost or forgotten and, in addition, means that you avoid any logging in to read a newsletter which we post on the website anyway. We hope you will find this process more convenient overall but if you have experienced any difficulties please do inform us.

As you know we are experiencing some heating difficulties but the County team moved quickly to install temporary heating for which we are very grateful. Engineers have returned this week with a plan to bypass existing pipes believed to be the problem and therefore limit repair work impacting the children's learning. We are obviously pushing for this work to be done as soon as possible. In meantime, please make sure the children are wrapped up warm and we will keep them heated and moving as much as possible.

New Topics - Help Wanted

The children will now be aware of their new topics and so there are lots of further opportunities for you to be involved more in the life of school whilst supporting the children's learning. Several parents continue to offer their expertise, resources or insight regarding their work or hobbies but this is especially welcome when it links with the topic in hand. This term's topics are:

EYFS - Space

Years 1 & 2 - The Great Fire of London

Years 3 & 4 - The Human Body

Years 5 & 6 - Evolution & Inheritance (Genetics)

If you are able to contribute to any of these areas at all please let the class teachers or office know so we can discuss some possibilities. Thank you.

Twitter - Action Needed

Thank you to everyone who has requested to follow our Twitter feed and has submitted a registration form. The majority of these have now been processed to ensure the security of our followers and you should have received a welcome message. Remember that once you have been accepted you will receive all future tweets sent through that account and so not need to re-register for separate schools occasions. If you have not received a welcome message:

- you may have received a paper slip explaining there has been a problem with your details; some forms did not contain the correct twitter account name (starting @...) and some parents have not requested to follow the school online. In both these cases, submit a new form with the correct account name or request to follow the school online through the twitter site or app. The account name and the account you request to follow us from must be the same some we can verify your identity.

- you may have requested to follow us online but not submitted a form - if your identity was clear from your follower request then a paper slip will have been sent. If your identity was not clear from the user request please submit a registration form so we can confirm who you are and that you are a parent of the school.

If your circumstances are different from any of the above, or you simply have a question, please do contact the school office. If you would like to follow our Twitter feed and require a form, this can be found on the [documents page](#) of our website or a hard copy requested from the office. Please note that we do not tweet from every school event as it depends on time and staffing - obviously the children and their learning remain the priority. Thank you.

Clubs

This term's clubs will start next week (beginning 14.1.19 and ending 29.3.19); Game On will be speaking to the children about their Football Club on Tuesdays (3.15-4.25pm) in assembly tomorrow morning and providing registration forms.

Mr Boland and Miss Bowden will continue to run Wednesday and Thursday after school clubs (£3 per session) in the same format as follows:

Wednesday 3.15-4.15pm

Years 1 and 2 Music Maestros

Years 3 to 6 Dodgeball (changing to Benchball after half term)

Thursday 3.15-4.15pm

Years 1 and 2 Dodgeball (changing to Benchball after half term)

Years 3 to 6 Youth Band

Places at Wednesday and Thursday Clubs must be booked and paid for online (first come, first served) through your ParentPay portal please - this will be open from Tuesday 8th January. Please note we ask you to commit to a whole term as we cannot accommodate individual sessions. If you are a Pupil Premium family please contact the school office to discuss your circumstances and how the school can support your children attending any clubs.

Attendance

At the end of each term we review the attendance and punctuality data for all children. There is a national expectation of 96% and, after the Autumn Term, we are currently at 97% overall. This is excellent and reflects very well on the school community - thank you! The website has also been updated to show class attendance on each class page all of which are at 96% or above.

The school do have a responsibility to follow individual cases of absence of a low level and opportunities will be made to discuss any concerns with parents and where the school might help. Punctuality is also being monitored carefully as regular lateness can have a negative effect on the children when they rush into school and are unsettled; time also adds up during the term which can result in whole lessons or even days missed over time. Ultimately we want all children in school as much as possible so they can make the most of their learning and social interaction with each other. It is vital that the children know how valuable learning is and how parents therefore set the example by showing how important school is. If you have any questions regarding absence or punctuality please do contact us in school.

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DATES FOR THE DIARY (New items or amendments in bold)

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| 8 January | Oxford Science Evolution in Action Workshop, Yrs 5&6 |
| 9 January | Yr 3 swimming lessons resume |
| 9 January | NHS Height and weight measurement, EYFS & Yr 6 |
| 15 January | Game On Football Club starts |
| 16 & 17 January | Music and PE Clubs start |
| 17 January | Census Day |
| 5 February | On-Line Safety Workshop, Yrs 1-6 |
| 5 February | Parent Internet Safety Evening, time tbc |
| 13 February | PTFA Discos, EYFS/KS1 5.00-6.00pm/KS2 6.15-7.30pm |
| w/c 18 February | HALF TERM |
| 7 March | World Book Day |