EACH FOR THE STARS

24.03.23

## KEY DATES

### 28.03.23 - Y2 Stay and

 Learn (Please see Y2 staff for further details)29.03.23 and 30.03.23-Y4 Art Gallery for parents at 3.30pm
30.03.23 - PGL Meeting for Y5 Parents at 9am
31.03.23 - Finish for Easter at 2 pm
17.04.23 - School reopens for Summer Term at 8:45am
03.05.23 - Y5 PGL Residential
09.05.23-12.05.23-Y6 SATs Week

## Dear Parents and Carers

It feels as though it has been a long time since the last newsletter due to not having one last week!
We have had a busy few weeks in school, with our Y1-6 children undertaking their Spring term assessments. These allow us to celebrate the children's progress across the year and enable us to target where they may need some extra support.
Thank you to the Year 6 parents who attended our SATs Parent Meeting this week. In response to feedback at the meeting, Miss Jones and Mrs Gerrard have sent some information home around the English aspects of the SAT assessments. Y6 parents will also received a booklet tonight containing key dates and information about the upcoming SATs. If you have any questions about this, please see your child's class teacher or myself.

## Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Howard

## THIS WEEK IN PSHE

This week in our PSHE assembly we talked about the sustainability of the environment, and how there is a limited supply of the earth's resources. We discussed the impact of this on our lives and the quality of people's lives around the world.
With our younger children, we have been thinking about the different kinds of people who work in our community. As Wednesday marked the start of Ramadan, we discussed this in class with the children and talked about how Muslims prepare for Eid.



## Year One Phonics

This week in Phonics, Year 1 have been recapping Phase 3 and Phase 5 sounds and focusing on the 'ee' and 'ea' digraphs. A digraph is two letters which make one sound. We have also looked at the tricky words 'could', 'should' and 'would'.
'ee' can be seen in words such as bee, feel, see and feet.
'ea' can be seen in words such as beak, treat, each and meal.

Can you spot these digraphs in the following sentence?
The greedy seagull was eating a treat of meat and seeds.

## ATTENDANCE is one of our school values

As a school we are striving to achieve at least $97 \%$ attendance each week. This week we had our highest attendance of the year on Monday $96.3 \%$ ! Well done everyone! Let's aim for this again next week and be in school, on time, every day!

## YEAR-TO-DATE - 92.0\%

Monday - 96.3\%
Tuesday - 94.2\%
Wednesday - 94.9\%
Thursday - 95.0\%
Friday - 91.2\%
This week we had four classes with over 97\% attendance! Well done to 3OK, 3CM, 4EB and 6HG. 4EB win Champions Breakfast with a fantastic 99.2\%!

## This Week's Subject: Maths

Our Maths curriculum places a strong emphasis on the development of key skills. We develop these within lessons and in regular practise in transitions throughout the day. We do this in order to give our pupils a strong foundation and develop their confidence in Maths. Pupils are encouraged through the use of games and activities to practise skills.

In Year 4, we have a strong focus on multiplication. We aim to teach our children all of their multiplication facts up to $12 \times 12$. This week, pupils have practised facts for the 8 times table using our counting stick. They were incredible with this and some even had the chance to become the teacher! We then used games and Times Tables Rock Stars to practise our facts. The best way to embed these facts is through regular practise. All Year 4 children have been given a poster to help them remember their multiplication facts.


TRS AND NUMBOTS WINNERS THIS WEEK
TTRS
Most correct answers: Tia M Y5-679
Most coins: Ruby-Mae S Y5-3,240
Improved speed: Gracie B Y6 - Improved by 1.71 seconds
Fastest all-time speed: Luca E Y4-0.78 seconds

## Numbots

Most minutes played: Riley B Y3-65 minutes
Correct answers: Riley B Y3-1,679
Most coins: Sarah F Y2 - 2,629

## Nursery

Do you know anybody with a three-year-old? From Monday 17th April, our nursery will be offering 30 hours provision in Nursery. This is also available to our current children (subject to parents qualifying for 30 hours funding). Please let your friends and family know!

Please enquire at the school office for more information.


## Reading at Home

Please ensure your child reads at home as much as possible (at least three times per week). Reading at home is the single most important thing you can do with your child in terms of helping with their education. Remember, once a child has read ten books, they get to come and choose a book prize TO KEEP from Miss Howard!

## Reading Recommendation

This week our reading recommendation comes from 5LG!
Harry recommends the graphic novel 'The Hound of the Baskervilles', based on the book by Arthur Conan-Doyle.
"It's a detective story about Sherlock Holmes, the worldfamous detective, and his side-kick Watson. They are trying to defend a man named Sir Henry, who has inherited Baskerville Hall from his uncle and has been warned away with threats of a ghostly hound who terrorises the area. They are trying to find out whether the 'Hound of the Baskervilles' is real, or just a legend to scare people away. Three adjectives I would use to describe the book are: mysterious, dark and gripping. I would recommend this book to children aged 10 and over who like dark stories!"


