

Dear parents/carers,

It has been a busy half term with all of the pupils working hard and have accomplished a great deal. It is fantastic to see so many pupils taking part in after school clubs, attending breakfast club and coming into school on Saturdays to support their learning.

Young Voices 2019



On Friday February 1st, 50 members of the school choir participated in an extraordinary concert at the O2 arena, joining 8,000 other children from across the country for the special event.

Our pupils worked tirelessly to prepare the material, giving up their own time to learn all the songs and choreography over the last term and a half. Their hard work was rewarded when it all came together in what was a truly magical performance.

We sang with legendary Spandau Ballet lead singer Tony Hadley, plus soulful voice Sharlene Hector, Britain's got Talent's Beau Dermott, and of course, the amazing Urban Strides street dance crew led by friend of the school Andy Instone.

Well done everyone – another fantastic concert!

The Take 5 Challenge

This half term our pupils have been taking part in the Take 5 Challenge to find ways to meet their five ways to wellbeing.



The five ways to wellbeing are simple things that we can do every day to help us feel happier and more positive. Think of them a bit like eating five fruit and vegetables, but this time it's something that's good for the brain and your whole body.

The five challenges are:

- Learn:** learning something new
- Connect:** spending time with people
- Be active:** getting active can make you feel great
- Give:** doing something kind, thank people or simply smile
- Take notice:** being aware of the world around you and how you are feeling.

Pupils have been collecting stickers each week and will earn a special badge and certificate at the end of the challenge.

We return to school on **Monday 25th February 2019** when the timetable for PE and swimming will change so that classes who have not had swimming this academic year can have lessons. Please note the changes in the table below.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Year 6 PE	Year 1 PE	Reception PE	Reception swimming	Year 4 PE
				Year 5 PE	
PM	Year 5 PE	Year 2 PE	Year 4 PE	Year 3 PE	Year 6 PE
			Year 3 Swimming	Year 1 Swimming	Year 2 Swimming

Please remember, it is essential that all pupils bring their PE or swimming kit on the correct day. Too many pupils forget and this means time is lost to everyone. Both PE and swimming are part of the national curriculum and are not optional. If your child/ren is/are in school they are expected to participate.

The School Council continues to meet every Wednesday from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. During these meeting the pupils discuss issues and ideas which relate to them and how they can make a difference within our school and the local community.

Dates for your calendar

Saturday 16th February 2019 – Additional Learning Session Year 6
 Monday 18th February 2019 – Additional Learning Session Year 6
 Tuesday 19th February 2019 – Additional Learning Session Year 6
 Wednesday 20th February 2019 – Additional Learning Session Year 6
 Monday 25th February 2019 – RETURN TO SCHOOL
 Tuesday 12th March 2019 – Duck eggs arrive in Early Years
 Friday 22nd March 2019 – Class photographs
 Friday 22nd March 2019 – Museum sleepover

Tuesday 26th March 2019 – Parent Consultation evening
Wednesday 27th March 2019 – Parent Consultation evening
Friday 5th April 2019 – Last day of term
Tuesday 23rd April 2019 – RETURN TO SCHOOL
Monday 13th May 2019 – KS2 tests SPaG
Tuesday 14th May 2019 – KS2 tests reading
Wednesday 15th May 2019 – KS2 tests mathematics papers 1 and 2
Thursday 16th May 2019 – KS2 tests mathematics paper 3
Friday 24th May 2019 – End of half term
Monday 3rd June 2019 – RETURN TO SCHOOL

Please follow our Twitter account where you can see what we are up to every day and our Facebook page will launch over the next few days.

Yours faithfully,



Neil Winn
Principal