

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome back and a very happy new year to you all! We hope you are all well-rested and enjoyed the Christmas break. It's a short term this time - we break up for half term four weeks from today - so that means we all have to cram in a lot of hard work and learning! As always, we will rely on your support and look forward to working with you throughout 2024. You are always welcome to come and chat about anything that's on your mind - you can arrange appointments through ClassDojo or by contacting the office.

WELCOME MRS POWERS

We are delighted to welcome a new teacher to our school! Mrs Powers has joined us as 5W's new teacher and she is also our new English leader. We are very happy to have Mrs Powers here and we look forward to working with her.

**SCHOOL DINNER PRICE**

School dinners currently cost £2.60 per day. We have been advised by Dolce, our catering partner, that from 1st April 2024, the daily price will increase to £2.87. They have explained that this is due to continuing high food inflation. We are sorry to have to pass this cost on but this is out of our hands and it is similar to what other companies are charging for school meals. We understand the challenges facing businesses but also the challenges facing families. As always, if you are finding things difficult financially, please come and talk to us. There may be things we can do or people we can put you in touch with that can help.

MEASLES

Yesterday we posted on ClassDojo a letter about measles and the importance of vaccination for children. If your child has not had the vaccination, they are at much higher risk of contracting measles and passing it onto relatives, some of whom might be particularly vulnerable. If your child did not have their MMR vaccination when they were younger, you can still arrange a vaccination now. Please contact your GP if you need to get a vaccination.

ADVERSE WEATHER

At the time of writing, the BBC are forecasting snow towards the end of next week. At this stage, it doesn't look like it will be heavy, but just in case, we would like to remind you of our procedures for school closure due to adverse weather, or any other reason. We will only make the decision to close the school when we feel it is absolutely necessary for the safety of the school community, taking into account the conditions on the school site and on the roads leading to the school. As much as possible, we will make our decision jointly with the infant school. When a decision has been made to close the school, we will communicate this by text message, ClassDojo and the homepage of the school website. Instead of phoning the school to ask if we are open, please check your phone, check ClassDojo and check the website. If there's nothing there, it either means we are open or that a decision has not been made yet. Please do not telephone the school to ask if we are open. Thank you for your support.

RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

You may be aware of the UN convention on the rights of the child UNICEF Rights Respecting School Award. A few years back, we gained the silver award and now we'd like to push on and get the gold. This means that in the coming weeks and months, we will be talking a lot with the children about the 54 articles in the convention so that they are aware of their rights, the rights of other children around the world and how they can make a positive difference.

TOYS

A reminder that children should not be bringing toys into school, other than things that have been agreed with Mr Ellis or your child's teacher. If you feel that there is a particular reason why your child should be able to bring items in, such as a fidget toy, please speak to your child's teacher or Mr Ellis about this. We do allow children to bring trading cards in but they must only be seen at playtime and lunchtime. Please do not allow your child to bring in their folders or tins of cards - just a small pile of cards that can fit in the pocket is enough.

DIARY DATES

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| Tue 16 Jan | Year 6 visit to Steelhouse Lane |
| Thu 25 Jan | Whole school visit to the theatre |
| Fri 2 Feb | Number Day - non-uniform |
| Thu 8 Feb | Year 3 visit to the synagogue |
| Fri 9 Feb | Break up for half term |
| Mon 19 Feb | School reopens |
| Mon 26 Feb | Wizard of Oz performance in school |
| Tue 27 Feb | Year 6 visit to the church |
| Thu 7 Mar | World Book Day |
| Fri 15 Mar | Red Nose Day |

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

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| 3C: Yahya | 4B: Riley | 5A: Hussna | 6IS: Mohammed |
| 3L: Fabion | 4F: Zac | 5P: Amanpreet | 6MS: Mustafa |
| 3P: Jaya | 4L: Kaiden | 5W: Noah P | 6SM: James |
| 3W: Joshua | | | |

BEECHES BRILLIANT READERS

Year 3: Dylan (3P)
Year 4: Angel (4L)
Year 5: Bonnie (5A)
Year 6: Cian (6SM)

TEAM POINTS

Team points will return next week.

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