

This Week's News

18th October 2024



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Head Teacher Update

It has been another incredibly busy week this week for the children and staff for a variety of reasons. The Year 2 children enjoyed a Pirate themed day on Wednesday as part of their History topic. We are very conscious to not put unnecessary additional financial pressures on our families at this time by asking for costumes etc. We are incredibly grateful for all of the support you give us as a school. If you do ever need any assistance then please come and see us in confidence as we may be able to help or know how to get help for you.

I hope that the children enjoyed the Discos this week. I know I was not popular in my decision for the Reception children not to attend this first one of the year. This was an informed decision based on previous experiences where many children were incredibly distressed by the event and the sheer numbers of children in the hall can be very overwhelming. There will be many other opportunities as they move through the school. Thank you to POPS and the staff for giving up their time to make this happen.

Our Year 4 children also took part in Bikeability training this week, which was great to see, although the weather on Wednesday wasn't ideal at all! I feel that it is a really important skill for the children to have to try and keep them as safe as possible. The more we can promote walking, scooting and cycling to school, the better. We used to have a very positive relationship with Sustrans who really helped to promote this activity. Unfortunately, the funding for this has now been cut which I think is an interesting move, especially as so much money has been invested in cycle routes locally.

I attended a very interesting and useful conference in London last Friday which had a focus on Special Educational Needs. It was an opportunity to meet colleagues from all over the UK and listen to speakers from a range of different schools. Sadly, the message was the same from whichever point across the country. There is a crisis in terms of the number of children being identified as having Special Educational Needs and the number of specialist places available to them. A shocking statistic locally was that for thirty available places, there were 400 applications. I felt very proud of what we offer to our children with Special Educational Needs, although of course, there is always more to be done and that is what we are striving for, working together as schools in the local area. I have to try and keep up the relentless positivity but it is not always easy!

That is more than enough from me this week. I have been using two words this week with children.... Be kind...!!! It is not hard to do but I feel that as a society we need to show more kindness to each other.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Bagwell

Headteacher

Diary Dates

Mon 21st Oct	Parent Consultations 4-7pm
Tue 22nd Oct	Parent Consultations 4-7pm
Thurs 24th Oct	Flu Vaccinations
Thurs 21st Nov	Reception Height & Weight Measurements
Tues 10th Dec	Reception Nativity

[Link to Key Dates](#)

Deadlines

Breakfast & After School Club bookings must be made on ParentMail 7 days before the date you wish to book.

Please ensure bookings are made in advance to avoid disappointment.

School Attendance

Whole School - 96.00%

YR - 95.3%

Y1 - 96.8%

Y2 - 95.3%

Y3 - 97.5%

Y4 - 95.5%

The school day begins at

8.45am.

Gates open at 8.30am

SENSORY TOOLS

What are sensory supports or sensory strategies?

This refers to any equipment or technique that helps a children to focus and learn by increasing or reducing sensory inputs. Occupational Therapists often recommend sensory diets or sensory circuits as a way to organise sensory supports.

In the classroom

Sensory strategies are designed to either help the children to increase or reduce their level of alertness, or arousal. The goal of using a sensory strategy is that it will help the child to reach the level of alertness they need to attend and focus on their learning in class.

Who benefits?

Children that benefit the most from sensory strategies are those with differences processing sensory information. Some children may be sensitive to sensory inputs and find it difficult to stay calm and focused. Other children may need more sensory input to understand the sensations.

KEY WORDS

Sensory - relating to the sensation or physical senses
Occupational Therapist - helps people who have difficulties carrying out day-to-day activities
Sensory processing - the way the body takes in and interprets information from the environment from through the senses
Alertness - state of active attention
Arousal - a person's level of alertness or energy

SENSORY FOR ALL

Movement breaks are part of daily practice in classes to support all children with their focus and attention. Fidget toys are referred to as sensory tools to help children understand their purpose. Classrooms have a range of sensory tools that can be used. Use of sensory tools is at the discretion of the class teacher and individual children.

Sensory Tools in School

For some children, sensory tools are an essential part of their toolkit to aid their concentration and learning. However, we have seen a significant increase in the number of these tools coming to school from home which has had the reverse effect on learning and attention. As a school, we will assess whether children will benefit from a range of sensory interventions and have the resources available to give to the children. Please do not send your child in to school with a sensory tool. The teachers will talk to you individually about your child's needs and resources selected if required. Thank you very much for your support with this.

Reception Nativity

The Reception Nativity to parents will take place on **Tuesday 10th December**. Further details and timings will be sent out nearer to the time but please save the date!

Sweets for Birthdays

Please may we ask that sweets are not sent in for Birthday celebrations. We found that this was becoming unmanageable for us and a little competitive. It's a lovely thought but we cannot facilitate this in school. Thank you very much.

Community News

2nd November

5.30-8.30pm

King George V

Fireworks

Hot Food * Bar * Craft Stalls * Music
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