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Symptoms of Covid-19

Please can I remind all parents that any child with symptoms (and their siblings) should **not** be sent into school even if they have had a negative Covid test. Any positive test must be reported to school immediately.

Poetry Day!

Thank you very much to Miss Smith for organising our poetry day today. The children all really enjoyed taking part in this. Next week we are hoping to share some favourite poems via the newsletter and the teachers will be selecting one poem per class to go on our special writing board in the hall.

News from Sparrowhawks

Coming back to school has been amazing! I have got to meet my friends and I can learn in school for real with my fantastic teacher and TA. The best thing about coming back is that learning in a real school is much easier – it's much harder to study at home without my friends! This whole school, class, teacher and TA are so amazing I have no trouble. I was a little nervous at first but I quickly got used to it all.

By Aaliyah, Year 5

Our theme this term is London and we've been learning to find stations on the London Underground using strings (red, pink, grey, blue and gold) to find our way to a destination using a paperclip. In our Geography we have been finding out all about London. In our reading and English we've been learning about Philip Petit who did a tight-rope walk between the Twin Towers in New York. In our Science lessons we are learning about life-cycles of animals and marsupials such as kangaroos and wombats.

By Eroni, Year 5

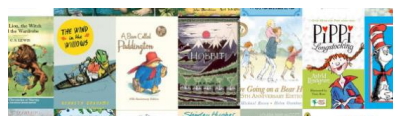
Red Nose Day!

Thank you to everyone who came to school in red today and made a donation to Comic Relief. We will let you know how much we raised next week.



Mrs Johnson – Get Well Soon

This week you will have noticed that Mrs Johnson has not been in school. On Monday she underwent an operation and she is now back at home recovering. We wish Mrs Johnson a speedy recovery and we look forward to seeing her back in school soon. Mr Williams and Mr Morris will ensure that everything runs smoothly in the meantime.



Home Reading

Thank you to everyone who reads regularly at home with their children. With three young children myself, I know what a challenge this can be, especially when children are tired, you are busy or they are reticent to read! However, reading with you child is one of the most important things that you can do to help your child in all areas of the primary curriculum and Early Years.

There are two types of home reading – the first is where your child reads to you and this should be with a school book as this will have been chosen to match the phonic phase or general reading ability of your child. When children reach a certain level in Key Stage 2, this can be a 'free reading' book, but it is still important that they read it to an adult.

The second type is reading for enjoyment. This should always be a book that the child enjoys. Usually, this type of reading would involve you reading it to your child, your child reading to you, or the child reading it to themselves or just looking at pictures.

Both types of reading are important for developing children's reading skills and a love of books! Mr Williams.

School Reading Books

If you still have any school reading books from before lockdown, please return these to school next Friday. We are particularly short on some book band colours so please have a good look around the house!

Pupil Asset Parent Portal

Please remember to set up your account on the Pupil Asset Portal or App. Parents Evening Bookings will go live from 12.00 Lunchtime on Monday, these can be booked using the Parent Portal only, **not on the App**.

Parents Evening

Parents Evening will be held on Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st March. Parents can book on the Pupil Asset Portal. These will be held via a Teams online meeting using the login details from your child's online learning. If you are unable to attend a Team's meeting, you may request a phone call with your child's teacher. Please book your appointment using the Parent Portal and notify the office by e-mail with your name, child's name, class and time.

The meeting will last around 10 minutes.

PE – Please wear PE kit

Mondays – Year 1

Tuesdays – Reception (please check Tapestry for details)

Wednesdays – Year 6

Thursdays – Year 2 and Year 5

Fridays – Year 3 and Year 4

Dates for Term:

Tuesday 30th March – Class Photo's and Year 6 Leavers
- Parents Evening

Wednesday 31st March – Parents Evening

Thursday 1st April – Final Day of Term – early finish:
Please note, this will be staggered so each class will finish 2 hours before their usual time (e.g. if your child normally finishes as 2.55pm, they will finish at 12.55pm).

Guidance on Covid-19 Symptoms.

If your child develops any symptoms of Covid-19, he/she and any siblings must not come into school for 10 days from the first day of the symptoms.

Symptoms are:

High temperature; New/Continuous Cough; Loss of Smell or Taste

You must arrange for your child to be **tested** as soon as possible. If your child receives a **negative test**, he/she and any siblings may return to school.

If your child receives a **positive test**, he/she and any siblings should remain off school for 10 days from **the date of the positive test and school must be notified.**

If it is known that your child has been in contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19, your child must isolate for 10 days, even if they have no symptoms.

Start and Finish Times:

You must be on time. If you are late, you will be asked to wait until all other classes have entered/exited school. If you have more than 1 child, please stand well clear of the coned area whilst waiting.

Start	Gate A (Pedestrian)	Gate B (Vehicle)	Gate C (Vehicle)
8:30	Y2 Woodpeckers	Y6 Tawny Owls	Y4 Ospreys
8:35	Y1 Nightingales	Y2 Kingfishers	Y5 Sparrowhawks
8:40	Y1 Skylarks	Y6 Snowy Owls	Y5 Peregrines
8:45	Reception Robins	Y3 Eagles	Y4 Kestrels
8:50	Reception Wrens		Y3 Merlins
8.55		Nursery (Ducklings)	

Finish	Gate A (Pedestrian)	Gate B (Vehicle)	Gate C (Vehicle)
2:40		Nursery (Ducklings)	
2:45	R Robins		
2:50	R Wrens		
2.55	Y1 Nightingales	Y2 Kingfishers	Y2 Woodpeckers
3:00	Y1 Skylarks	Y3 Eagles	Y3 Merlins
3:05	Y5 Sparrowhawks	Y6 Tawny Owls	Y4 Ospreys
3:10	Y5 Peregrines	Y6 Snowy Owls	Y4 Kestrels