



School Newsletter

Barnabas the Encourager

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Message from Miss Boardman

It has been great to see so many parents at our Celebration Assemblies on a Friday recently. All parents are welcome, even if your child isn't due to receive a certificate. It's a fantastic way for the school community to come together to celebrate children's achievements — the children are always extra proud when they can show off to visitors too.

We have had several routine monitoring visits from the Local Authority this week to look at our arrangements for Health and Safety, Child Protections and Safeguarding, Phonics and Early Reading. The findings from all visits were very positive. It was noted that teachers are teaching phonics well, phonic based books are well matched to children's stage of learning and some excellent behaviour was observed.



Instead of the class sections of the newsletter this week, teachers have provided detailed information about the learning planned to take place this term in their class Learning Overviews. The link below takes you to the relevant page of our website where each class overview can be viewed. As always, if you have any questions please get in touch

[Class Learning Overviews—Spring Term](#)

Parent Survey

Your views are important in helping us to understand the areas that we are doing well in and those that we could do better.

Thank you to those who have already completed the Ofsted Parentview survey. We have had very few responses and we aren't able to view them until there are a certain number on the website. Therefore we are asking you to give your views via a google form which may be easier. If you have already completed Parentview, you are welcome to complete this survey as well.

This should only take 5-10 minutes to complete but gives us very valuable information about a range of areas.

The survey will be open until **Monday 7th February** and the class that has the most responses by then will win a treat.

Click [here](#) to complete the Parent Survey

Thank you for your responses to the consultation to extend the school day to 3:15pm from after February half term. So far, the responses mostly support this proposal. The survey closes on Monday so please be sure to give your views before then by clicking [here](#).

Thank you for your support with sending children in the correct school uniform and without jewellery following my reminder last week.

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Covid-19 Updates

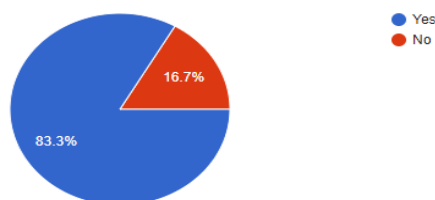
Masks are not required to be worn by staff in communal areas of school from 27th January. We ask that visitors continue to wear a mask inside school and recommend taking a LFD test before visiting.

If your child has Covid, they can return to school following two negative lateral flow tests, 24 hours apart on Day 5 and Day 6. If you do these first thing in the morning, it potentially means your child can return on Day 6. Please get in touch if you have any questions about this.

School Meals

Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey on the school dinners booking system. The survey has now closed and the results are currently in favour of keeping this way of ordering. Your comments have been helpful—we will send a response to them shortly.

We have noticed that a lot more children are having a hot meal instead of a sandwich as a result of more parental involvement in meal choices which is great.

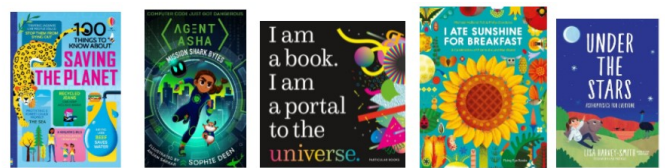


Remember that meals are free for children up to the end of Year 2, so will help you to make savings too! Please view our menu [here](#)

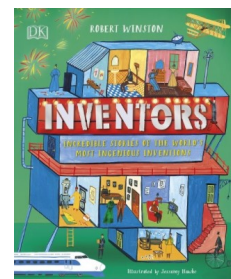
and speak to Mrs Cook in the office if you have any questions about the booking system. There is a useful guide to help you [here](#)

Reading News – Book Club

Last half term, the children in the KS2 book club were very excited to be part of the judging panel for the Royal Society Young People's book prize. We looked at six different science books and gave them marks for how easy they were to read, the illustrations and whether they inspired us to become scientists. We had to decide which one was our favourite, which was a challenge because we liked them all.



Our winner was *Inventors* by Robert Winston. We really liked the range of inventors and their inventions, it was interesting and easy to read and inspired us to believe we could become inventors in the future. We are looking forward to finding out what the other judging panels thought and which book is the overall winner.



PE Days

Please can you ensure your child has their PE kits in school on their PE day.

Nyongo: Thursday (Please bring Wellies on Wednesday for Wild Wednesday)

Attenborough: Thursday (Please bring Wellies on Wednesday for Wild Wednesday)

Johnson: Tuesday and Thursday

Farah: Thursday

Khalo: Thursday and Friday

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Dates For Your Diaries

*new dates added

Friday 4th Feb—Non uniform day. Farah class please donate cakes for a sale after school

*Friday 11th Feb—'Dress to Express Day' for Children's Mental Health Week (see below)

Thursday 17th Feb—School closed for half term (INSET on Friday 18th)

Monday 28th Feb—School reopens

Thursday 3rd March—World Book Day (more information to follow)

Thursday 17th March - Sports Relief Fundraiser

*Wednesday 23rd March—Parents' Evening 4-7pm

*Thursday 24th March—Parents' Evening 3:30-6pm

Friday 1st April—Non uniform day. Johnson class please donate cakes for a sale after school

Friday 8th April—School closes for Easter

Monday 25th April—Return to school

Children's Mental Health Week

On week beginning 7th February we will be marking Children's Mental Health Week, taking part in activities to support children with their emotional development. We are asking children and staff to use clothing and colour to 'express themselves' on Friday 11th February.

The outfits can be as simple or as extravagant as they like—it is an opportunity for self expression. We invite you to donate to Place2Be, an organisation that provides mental health support for children. We will send further information about how you can do this next week.



We offer the following sessions every day:

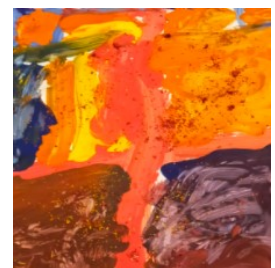
Breakfast Club £4.75 from 7.30am

After School Club Full Session 3pm to 6pm
£7.50

After School Club Early Bird Session 3pm to 5pm £5

All now bookable and payable on parent pay.

We have lots of activities in our After School Clubs like: baking, painting, craft, movies and of course toys to play with.



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