



# School Newsletter

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## Message from Miss Boardman

Welcome to the first newsletter of this new year.

It has been a wonderful first week back. The children have settled into their new classes quickly and are already working hard.

Especially well done to our new starters in Attenborough class who have done incredibly well this week and managed their first full day today.

We have been recapping our school expectations this week including our rules of 'Ready, Respectful and Safe'. I have seen many excellent examples of these in action from the children who have been using good manners, listening to the teachers and playing together happily and safely at breaktimes.

Well done everyone!

Parents/ carers are welcome to pop into classrooms after school today (upto 3:45pm). I'm sure you will agree that the classrooms look gorgeous, thanks to the hard work of the teachers over the summer break.

## Photographs

Next Friday (15th), the photographer will be in school to take individual/sibling photos. If you would like photos including pre-school siblings please arrive from 8:20am. Thank you.

**Celebration Assemblies** will resume next Friday at 2:45pm. Everyone is welcome to celebrate the children's achievements.

We will now be letting parents know on a Wednesday evening if your child will be receiving a certificate in assembly.

Next Friday, the reception children will each stand up and say their name so we can officially welcome them into school.

We now have a team of librarians who will also receive their librarian badge at this assembly.

## Stay and Learn

This is an opportunity for you to spend some time with your child in their class to find out more about their learning. Sessions last about 20-30 minutes.

Please see the dates section for the dates/times of these sessions.

This half term these will take place in the new library so parents can enjoy choosing and reading books with their child. Attenborough class will have their first session in the classroom. Please come to the main entrance where you will be taken down to the classroom.

## Thank you and Goodbye Miss Ross

Miss Ross, who has worked as a teaching assistant here for 6 years will be leaving next Friday. We thank her for her care and support for the children and wish her well in her new ventures.

**New cook**—Welcome to Lorraine Randall, our new cook who has made a brilliant start this week.

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## **This week's attendance**

### **Whole school target: 96%**

Whole school attendance: 89.20%

Attenborough Class: 81.67%

Hadid Class: 94.12%

Farah Class: 91.18%

Kahlo Class: 87.67%

Well done to class: Hadid

Please remember to phone the school office before 8.45am if your child is unwell or at a medical appointment.

Good attendance at school is vitally important as this enables children to keep up with the learning and secure friendships.

It is fine for children to attend school with a cold or feeling under the weather. Often children start to feel better once they are busy in school. Rest assured that we will contact you if your child becomes unwell in school.

Children should not attend school if they have a fever. If they have diarrhoea/vomiting they should stay off school until 48hrs after their last episode.

If you are in any doubt about whether to send your child to school, please give us a call to discuss this.

Please complete a leave of absence form from the office to request leave of absence in term time. Our policy is that holidays in term time are not authorised unless in exceptional circumstances. Parents may receive a fixed penalty notice from CYC if children have unauthorised leave of absence. Please click [here](#) to view our attendance policy.

## **Dates**

Click [here](#) to view term dates for 2023-24

8.9.23 3:20-3:45pm Open classrooms

12.9.23 5pm Parents meeting about Robinwood (school hall)

13.9.23 Roald Dahl themed lunch

15.9.23 Photographer in school for individual/siblings (8:20 for pre-school sibling groups)

22.9.23 Harvest Service at church 2pm

2.10.23 2:30pm Stay & Learn Attenborough

3.10.23 2:30pm Stay & Learn Farah

4.10.23 2:30pm Stay & Learn Hadid

5.10.23 2:45pm Stay & Learn Kahlo

6.10.23 Non uniform day. Kahlo bring cakes for after school sale

11.10.23 Grandparents invited for lunch (children's surnames A-M)

18.10.23 Grandparents invited for lunch (children's surnames N-Z)

25.10.23 3:45-6pm Parents' Evening

26.10.23 4:15-7pm Parents' Evening

27.10.23 INSET School closed to children

Wk beg 30.10.23 Half term

6.11.23 Return to school

6.11.23 Y5/6 on residential to 8.11.23

22.12.23 School breaks up for Christmas holiday.

## **After school clubs**

Information and booking forms has been sent on classdojo today. Clubs will start next week.

Tuesday 3:15-4pm KS2 Choir <https://forms.gle/mXii3bNz5eD9Fjyh6>

Tuesday 3:15-4:15 KS1 Dance <https://forms.gle/EZysrKYTDMAsv6uG7>

Thursday 3:15-4:15 KS2 Football (boys and girls) <https://forms.gle/x8R9t6aaJYqw6dXL6>