



Newsletter

Tuesday 11th October 2022

Individual and Family Photographs: Thursday 20th October

The arrangements for photograph day next week will be as follows:

1. 8.45am: Family groups including preschool and baby brothers and sisters.

Please come to the front door *after* you have dropped your school-aged children off at the school gate. You will be asked to sign in and wait in the hall. When it is your turn to have your children photographed, we will collect them from their classrooms for you. This is to avoid crowding in the hall and to ensure the children do not miss lesson time.

2. Family groups of children in school.

If your child has not already had a group photograph taken and they have brothers and sisters in school, we will arrange for them to have their picture taken together.

3. Individual photographs.

We will also arrange for *all* children to have their individual photograph taken.

Proofs will be sent home with your children and there is no obligation to buy any pictures.

Spooky Disco: Thursday 20th October, 5.00pm to 6.00pm



Our first disco of the year will have a spooky theme. Children are welcome to come in Halloween clothes if they wish, but please bear in mind that the theme is SPOOKY and not SCARY! This disco is for all year groups and we want our youngest children to have fun and not be frightened, so no masks or pretend weapons etc. please!

The cost of the disco is £2.00 payable on the door and no extra money is needed as this includes something to eat, drinks and face painting.

We are hoping to decorate the hall with some spooky carved pumpkins. There will be a prize for everyone who brings a carved pumpkin to school next Thursday and we will provide battery tealights so your pumpkins can be displayed in their full glory.

PE Kits and After School Clubs

Please note that if your child takes part in an after-school sports club, they should wear their normal school PE kit including the black hoodies. We have noticed a few of the older children are changing into their own football strips for these clubs but we do not allow children to wear these in school. Thank you.

Phones and Smart Watches in School

We understand that older Year 5 and 6 children who walk on their own may wish to bring a phone with them so they can keep in touch with you on their way to and from school. We can support this if the following rules are understood and followed:

- *All phones (and smart watches linked to phones or with a camera) are switched off at the school gate and handed in to staff as soon as children enter the classroom.*
- *Phones are not switched on again at the end of the day until children have left the school grounds.*

- Children are not allowed to use their phones during the school day.
- These rules also apply to after school events such as school discos or sporting events.
- Children bring phones to school at their own risk and school staff do not take any responsibility for any losses or damage while phones are in school.

Thank you for your support with this.

Harvest Donations

Our Year 1 Birch children are busy rehearsing their harvest assembly which they will share with the school and parents on Thursday 20th October. In the run up to our harvest celebrations, we will be collecting donations for the local food bank and would welcome any dried or canned foods, or toiletries that could be distributed to families in need. Thank you.



Parent Teacher Meetings Week Beginning Monday 31st October

Appointment slots for parent teacher meetings are now “live” on Arbor. Please note there will be no after school clubs during the week beginning Monday 31st October to allow staff time to hold their meetings with you. Clubs will begin again on Monday 7th November.

Stars of the Week

Our third value of this term was “Patient” and our Stars of the Week were:

Reception	Oliver always waits his turn in class and stands beautifully in the line.
Year 1	Harvey is a very patient person who always waits his turn.
Year 2	Logan demonstrates great patience around school: in the lunch queue, lining up after break times, in class and when working with other children.
Year 3	Natasha is always respectful and patient. She is always ready to learn.
Year 4	Wyatt is patient with other people and with himself: he takes time to produce the best work possible.
Year 5	Lucas has made a fantastic start to the year, working enthusiastically and patiently to complete every task to the highest standard.
Year 6 Ash	Kirby is both patient and helpful to her classmates.
Year 6 Oak	Cohen is a thoughtful and patient learner. He never rushes but applies himself diligently to all his learning.

Our fourth value was “Curious” and the stars we chose were:

Reception	Dylan asks so many questions and actively explores all the areas of learning in our classroom.
Year 1	Delilah is always ready to learn more whatever the subject.
Year 2	Alyssa showed great curiosity in our lesson about Rosa Parks and even chose to take home a book about her life so she could find out even more.
Year 3	Rory really enjoyed our recent school visit to find out more about life in the Stone Age and took the opportunity to ask lots of questions and find out as much as he possibly could.
Year 4	Amber asked so many interesting questions about life under Anglo Saxon and Viking invasions during our recent class trip.
Year 5	Charlie demonstrates great curiosity in every lesson and is always eager to learn more.
Year 6 Ash	Ethan has a real thirst for knowledge and not only works hard in class but also at home
Year 6 Oak	Colton has been devising his own research questions about our learning in class and then researching the answers at home.

Our value this week is **Independent**

Our Reading Stars of the last two weeks were:

Reception	Lyana reads every day at home and particularly enjoys poetry and stories.
Reception	Mylah reads all the time and also practises the sounds that we have learned in school at home.
Year 1	Daisy always reads at home and works hard in her Read, Write Inc group in school
Year 1	Jenson reads regularly at home and makes great contributions in our Read Write Inc lessons.
Year 2	Thomas loves to lose himself in the magic of the story when we read together in class.
Year 2	Carter is a regular home reader and this good habit is supporting his learning in school.
Year 3	Rory always reads at home. He is now able to find evidence from the text to support his ideas in our Reading Explorers lessons.
Year 3	George is working so hard to improve his reading at home and in school.
Year 4	Flo loves to read at home and she is making some great contributions in our Reading Explorers lessons in school as well.
Year 5	Darcie makes sure she reads regularly at home and is also working very hard in her reading inference group in school.
Year 5	Dexter reads every night at home and always works hard in Reading Explorers lessons in school.
Year 6 Ash	Poppy reads all the time at home and is keen to discuss her books in school.
Year 6 Ash	Letti is becoming an avid reader both at home and in school and she always has a book in her hand.
Year 6 Oak	Lexxi has impressed us all with her choice of challenging home reading books.
Year 6 Oak	Despite being in the middle of a house move, Hollie continues to prioritise her reading at home, demonstrating just how much she values her learning.

Kindest regards,

Deborah Meredith

Dates for your Diary	
Tuesday 11 th October	Year 1 children visit to Macclesfield Silk Museum
Wednesday 12 th October 22	Year 6 children visit to Liverpool Museum of Slavery
Friday 14 th October 22	Year 2 Family Dinner Day
Tuesday 18 th October 22	Reception and Orchard children Forest School trip
Tuesday 18 th October 22	Year 5 children Shang Dynasty workshop in school.
Wednesday 19 th October 22	Open Evening 6.00pm to 7.00pm
Thursday 20 th October 22	NEW DATE – Individual pupil photographs
Thursday 20 th October 22	Year 1 Harvest Assembly 2.00pm
Thursday 20 th October 22	Spooky Disco: 5.00pm to 6.00pm

Friday 21st October 22	School closes for Autumn half term holiday
Monday 31st October 22	School Opens for Autumn Term 2
Monday 31 st October 22	Closing date for applications for Secondary Schools
Week beginning Monday 31 st October 22	NEW DATE - Parent Teacher meetings this week No after school clubs this week.
Tuesday 1 st November	Whole school visit from Paul Sturges – Tallest Harlem Globetrotter’s player
Thursday 3 rd November 22	Year 2 children visit to Manchester Art Gallery
Friday 4 th November 22	Year 1 Family Dinner Day
Friday 11 th November 22	Reception Class Family Dinner Day
Tuesday 15 th November 22	Flu spray administered to all children in school
Friday 18 th November 22	Children in Need
Friday 18 th November 22	Orchard Class Family Dinner Day
Friday 3 rd December 22	All after school clubs finish today.
Thursday 15 th December 22	Whole school trip to Buxton Opera House: “Sleeping Beauty”.
Tuesday 20 th December 22	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day.
Tuesday 20th December 22	School closes for Christmas holiday
Monday 9th January 23	School Opens for Spring Term 1
January (tbc)	Year 5 “Young Voices” concert
Tuesday 17 th January 23	Year 6 visit to Ashton Central Mosque
Thursday 2 nd February 23	Year 2 Flower arranging workshop in school
Thursday 2 nd February 23	Year 3 visit to Poole’s Cavern in Buxton
W/B Monday 13 th Feb	Year 4 field trip to Manor Park (river study)
Friday 17th February 23	School closes for Spring half term holiday
Monday 27th February 23	School Opens for Spring Term 2
Tuesday 21 st March 23	Acorns and Orchard trip to Hartley’s Garden Centre and Pony Patch
Thursday 23 rd March 23	Year 5 First Aid Training in school
Tuesday 28 th March 23	Year 2 trip to St. Anne’s
Wednesday 29 th March 23	Year 1 Bus Tour of Manchester
Friday 31st March 23	School closes for Easter holiday
Monday 17th April 23	School Opens for Summer Term 1
Wednesday 19 th April 23	Year 6 visit to Stockport Air Raid Shelters

Tuesday 25 th April 23	Acorns and Orchard trip to Peak Wildlife Park
Thursday 27 th April 23	Year 3 visit to Heaton Park Synagogue
Monday 1st May 23	School closed – Bank Holiday
Thursday 4 th May 23	Year 5 Ancient Greece workshop in school
Monday 8 th May 23	Year 6 SATS week
Friday 19 th May 23	Year 4 Ancient Egypt workshop in school
Thursday 25th May 23	School closes for Summer Half Term holiday
Monday 5th June 23	School Opens for Summer Term 2
Wednesday 7 th to Friday 9 th June 23	Year 6 residential trip to Kingswood Centre in Penistone.
Thursday 8 th June 23	Reception Acorns trip to Formby Beach
June (tbc)	Year 4 “Come and Play with the Halle” concert in Manchester
Wednesday 5 th July	Year 2 trip to Skipton Castle
Thursday 6 th July	Year 3 trip to “Crocky Trail”
July (tbc)	Year 5 trip to Alton Towers
July (tbc)	Year 1 Canal Boat Trip
Friday 21st July 23	School Closes for Summer Holiday