



Newsletter
Friday 16th February 2024
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Dear Families,

I can't believe that we are now officially half way through the school year! The last few months have flown by and hopefully we can now all look forward to some warmer days and sunshine after the half term break.

1. Year 4 Cake Sale

Very well done, Year 4 Chestnut Class for organising last week's cake sale in support of Kinder Mountain Rescue – and thank you families for supporting it so generously. The cake sale raised £78.00 which is a fantastic achievement.

2. School Uniform

We will be focusing on dressing smartly for school when we get back to school after the half term break. Obviously, our priority is for the children to feel comfortable in what they are wearing; but we also believe that dressing smartly for school helps the children to focus and to take pride in being part of the school community.

Please send your primary school children to school each day dressed in items selected from the following:

Royal blue sweatshirt, cardigan, jumper or fleece, with or without the school logo.
Sky blue polo shirt, long or short sleeved, with or without the school logo.
Dark Grey long trousers, knee length skirt, knee length shorts or knee length pinafore. No leggings please.
Sky blue and white checked knee length dress.
Sensible, flat, waterproof, plain black shoes, including plain black unbranded trainers, which fasten securely on the foot and are made of a smooth, waterproof material. No coloured or white trainers or canvas shoes please.
White, grey or black socks / grey or black tights.
PE kit (Year 1 upwards)
Plain long or short sleeved T-shirt (can be in house colours).
Plain black tracksuit bottoms or shorts with black "skins" underneath.
Plain black long-sleeved sweatshirt or fleece with or without school logo.
PE training shoes and a change of socks. If your child wears black trainers as part of their school uniform, it is fine for them to use these for PE lessons as well.

Nursery aged children should ideally wear a yellow polo shirt and purple sweatshirt along with dark, plain joggers and dark, plain trainers or shoes which fasten with Velcro.

If your child wears wellingtons to school, please also send a pair of plain black shoes or trainers to change into once they get inside.

Thanks everyone!



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3. World Book Day: Thursday 7th March

We don't dress up for World Book Day, but we do plan lots of lovely activities to celebrate and encourage a love of reading and books.

1. Mel from Dark Peak Bookshop in Glossop will be coming to school and nursery with the full range of World Book Day books so all the children can exchange their Book Tokens in school for a free book. She will also have some of last year's stock available to sell for just £1.00 a book.
2. Each class will make and display dioramas of their class novel or a favourite story-time book. Any empty shoe boxes would be very useful for this; thank you!
3. We would like to see pictures of you reading together at home, or maybe in an unusual place. Please send these through via Class Dojo so we can share them with the classes.
4. As always, we will be running our annual book plate competition, with the winners receiving a free book from our school bookshop and their designs being made into this year's school bookplates. Entry forms will be sent out on our first day back after the holiday.



Stars of the Week

Congratulations to our stars who were:

Friday 2 nd February 2024		
Class	Value	
Nursery Conkers	Independent	Lolah loves to do things for herself and has excellent self-help skills.
Reception Acorns	Independent	Beau has been producing lots of lovely writing independently.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Independent	Nevaeh gets down to her learning straight away and is able to select any resources she needs to help her succeed.
Year 2 Willow	Independent	Ethan always settle so quickly when he comes into school each morning and is ready to learn straight away.
Year 3 Holly	Responsible	Thomas always arrives at school ready to learn and once in class he takes responsibility for looking after his equipment.
Year 4 Chestnut	Responsible	Alex is now taking much more responsibility for looking after his equipment and being successful in his learning.
Year 5 Elm	Responsible	Heidi can always be relied upon, and she really shone during our recent soup afternoon when she ensured that all our guests were well looked after.
Year 6 Oak	Responsible	Mia always arrives at school fully prepared for the day ahead.
Orchard	Independent	Alfie really enjoys trying out new activities independently.



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Class	Value	
Nursery Conkers	Kind	Lolah is a lovely friend. She always shares and plays with everyone.
Reception Acorns	Kind	Llando is kind to everyone, especially the younger children from Conkers Class.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Kind	Theo is always kind to his friends and he is a thoughtful helper around our classroom.
Year 2 Willow	Kind	Aria uses kind words and always looks after her friends.
Year 3 Holly	Articulate	Harry was able to discuss the things that make him feel proud this week. He is also working very hard in Holly Class and clearly expressing when he needs any additional support.
Year 4 Chestnut	Articulate	Marshall can discuss ideas and explain his thinking clearly.
Year 5 Elm	Articulate	Finley gives some brilliant explanations of his understanding of concepts and his problem-solving strategies.
Year 6 Oak	Articulate	Alice always gives very clear explanations of her thinking and as a result she is a great learning partner.
Orchard	Kind	Freddie often brings his own toys to school and he always shares them with his classmates.

Very well done too to the last two weeks' curriculum stars who are:

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Nursery Conkers	Reading	Delilah loves books and spends lots of time in our class library area.
Reception Acorns	Maths	Aeson has been working so hard in our maths lessons.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Maths	Lyana works speedily and accurately in maths lessons.
Year 2 Willow	Maths	Amber has been so motivated in our maths lessons this week and she now knows lots about multiplication.
Year 3 Holly	Maths	Harvey has shone in our maths lessons over the past two weeks and he is now able to use base 10 apparatus to solve multiplication and division questions independently.
Year 4 Chestnut	Maths	Alivia has demonstrated great commitment and resilience to master the skill of short multiplication.
Year 5 Elm	Maths	Amber is a determined mathematician who embraces a new challenge.
Year 6 Oak	Maths	Charlie demonstrates his super understanding of mathematical concepts through his excellent explanations.



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Nursery Conkers	Reading	Arlo often asks to share books with a grown up and he also loves reading with his family at home.
Reception Acorns	Reading	Kohl has been working very hard to learn lots of new speed sounds.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Reading	Abbie listens so attentively during our storytime sessions and makes some great contributions in our reading lessons.
Year 2 Willow	Reading	Milan always works so hard in our reading lessons and as a result is making very pleasing progress through our book levels.
Year 3 Holly	Reading	Faye reads at home every evening and loves to chat about her books.
Year 4 Chestnut	Reading	Sydney is really challenging herself now and is beginning to answer some tricky questions in our guided reading lessons.
Year 5 Elm	Reading	Charlie is now reading regularly at home and as a result he is making very pleasing progress.
Year 6 Oak	Reading	Eva loves reading, is always up for a challenge and gives some great answers in our reading lessons in class.

Dates for your Diaries

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Monday 26th February 24	Schools open for Spring Term 2
Wednesday 28 th Feb 24	Nursery Conkers and Reception Acorns classes Baby Dinosaur workshop
Thursday 29 th February 24	Year 6 Oak Class trip to Ashton Central Mosque
Friday 1 st March 24	Year 2 Willow Family Dinner Day: 12.15pm
Thursday 7 th March 24	World Book Day
Friday 8 th March 24	Year 1 Silver Birch Family Dinner Day: 12.10pm
Friday 15 th March 24	Comic Relief Day
Friday 15 th March 24	Reception Acorns Family Dinner Day: 12.00pm
Thursday 21 st March 24	Whole school brings completed Project Homework back into school.
Tuesday 26 th March 24	Year 3 Holly and Year 4 Chestnut classes trip to Chester Zoo
Wednesday 27 th March 24	Acorns, Conkers and Catkins Easter parties in class
Wednesday 27 th March 24	Easter Disco (Years 1 to 6): 4.00pm to 5.00pm
Thursday 28 th March 24	Both schools take part in the Willow Wood Sponsored Bunny Hop
Thursday 28th March 24	Schools close for Easter Holiday
Monday 15th April 24	Schools open for Summer Term 1
Monday 15 th April 24	Parent Teacher meetings this week
Wednesday 17 th April	Nursery Conkers and Reception Acorns trip to Bridgewater Gardens



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Friday 26 th April 24	Year 6 Oak Family Dinner Day: 12.30pm
Friday 3 rd May 24	Year 5 Elm Family Dinner Day: 12.30pm
Thursday 9 th May 24	Class photographs
Friday 10 th May 24	Year 4 Chestnut Family Dinner Day: 12.30pm
Friday 17 th May 24	Year 3 Holly Family Dinner Day: 12.20pm
Tuesday 21 st May 24	Year 6 Oak class visit to Stockport Air Raid Shelter
Thursday 23rd May 24	Schools close for Half Term Holiday
Monday 3rd June 24	Schools open for Summer Term 2
Wednesday 5 th June 24	Orchard trip to Peak Wildlife Park
Thursday 6 th June 24	Year 1 Silver Birch and Year 2 Willow Classes visit to Chatsworth Estate
Friday 14 th June 24	Year 2 Willow Family Dinner Day: 12.15pm
Tuesday 18 th June 24	Year 4 Chestnut Class taking part in "Come and Play with the Halle" concert – more details to follow.
Friday 21 st June 24	Year 1 Silver Birch Family Dinner Day: 12.10pm
Friday 28 th June 24	Reception Acorns Family Dinner Day: 12.00pm
Tuesday 9 th July 24	Year 1 Silver Birch and Year 2 Willow Classes visit to Lytham St. Anne's
Tuesday 23rd July	Schools close for Summer Holiday
Wednesday 4th September	School Opens for start of Autumn Term
Monday 14 th – Wednesday 16 th October 24	Year 6 Oak Class residential trip to Whitehall Centre.
Monday 25 th to Wednesday 27 th November 24	Year 5 Elm Class day trips to Whitehall Centre

Have a great half term holiday everyone and we look forward to seeing you all back in school again on Monday 26th February.

Kindest Regards,

Deborah Meredith