

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021

## Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents,

### Back to Basics – The Importance Of READING

It has now been the second full week back and we are really getting grips with assessing the children's gaps and making sure that our curriculum plugs any gaps that may have occurred during the lockdown. We are having a real focus on the basics and READING remains at the heart of children's success. We know that children who read regularly both in and out of school make the most progress in all areas – not just in Literacy. We continue to work alongside Ready Steady Read who support and encourage the children by providing a weekly prize for the 'Regular Reader of The Week'. Please support your child by encouraging them to read no less than 4X per week and signing their 'Reading Log'. Time spent sharing a book, listening to stories, reading a comic or magazine is so vital and makes such a difference.

### Prison Me – NO WAY

As part of equipping our children for life so that they leave us being responsible, confident, and kind young adults our Year 5 and 6 children took part in workshop this week. The day involved the children learning about how to stay safe in the community and make informed choices. They learnt more about the work of the local police and the law. They met prisoner officers who told them the reality of life in prison. They met fire safety officers who told them about the impact of arson and they also completed a workshop on Road safety and E Safety. Our children acted with such maturity and their behaviour was impeccable throughout. Well done Year 5 and 6- what amazing citizens you have become!

### Year 5 – GONE GREEK

Year 5 have a fabulous SPARK Day this week as they dressed up as Greek Gods, Goddesses and Heroes! They enjoyed all things Greek and looked amazing in their costumes.

### Attendance and Punctuality

Now that we have welcomed all the children back to school, we are now beginning to monitor attendance and punctuality as we did prior to COVID19. It is important that children are in school regularly (unless of course they have a COVID related absence) so that they can catch up on lost learning time. We are also monitoring punctuality and have noticed there are a minority of children who are regularly coming to school late. If you are ever struggling to get your child into school please just call us at school as we always support you as a family. More than ever, it is vital your child is learning in school. You can help your child by:

- Getting your child to school on time – we all know how it feels as adults if we are ever late for an appointment. Imagine how hard it is for a child to enter a classroom when the day is already in session.
- Avoiding taking holidays in term time (these are never authorised, and you could face a fine from the Local Authority)
- Trying to take children to appointments (dentist etc) after school where possible or if during the school day bringing them in so they can get their mark.

Our attendance this week is : 95.61

### POP and Shop Every Thursday at 3pm

We have lots of lovely items available weekly from our 'Pop and Shop. Any 5 items a £1 and a warm welcome guaranteed. We also have a confidential food bank service with help from Reverend Jonathan should you ever need support. Just ask for Mrs Wardell or Mrs Gray at the main office if you ever feel you need help during these financially difficult times.

### Water Bottles and Sun safety

As the weather gets warmer (fingers crossed) please make sure your child has a water bottle in school every day to keep hydrated, a hat and sunscreen (applied before school) if possible.

### Breakfast and After School Club

Just a reminder that ALL places must be pre booked for both breakfast and after school club. Unfortunately, if your child has not been booked in then they will not be able to attend. This is due to the Risk Assessment and our ability to maintain bubbles and keep everyone safe.

## Key Dates -SUMMER TERM

Re Open to children Summer Term	Close for Bank Holiday (1 day only)	Close for Whitsun Holiday	Re Open to children	Close for the Summer Holiday
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Weds 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July

## Key dates Next Week

- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April – Year 2 Pirate Day

## COVID Update

It is good to report that we have had no reported cases of COVID-19 in our school community since returning to school. Thankyou for continuing to wear face coverings on site and maintaining social distancing.

## What do I do if someone in my household has symptoms of COVID 19 ?

As always – any person with Covid 19 symptoms will need to isolate and seek a test. Please keep your child at home if they are unwell and have one of the following symptoms and seek advice by contacting NHS on 119.

- Loss / change to sense of taste or smell
- New or continuous cough
- High temperature

You can always contact out of hours by emailing either myself or Mrs Scowen with any COVID-19 related issues:

[Claire.Mudd@hcat.org.uk](mailto:Claire.Mudd@hcat.org.uk)

Paula. [Scowen@hcat.org.uk](mailto:Scowen@hcat.org.uk)

## **Menu for next week (vegetarian hot options available daily)**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pizza served with potato wedges and seasonal vegetables.	All day breakfast: Sausage, bacon, omelette, hash brown, beans & toast.	Chicken curry served with rice, naan bread and seasonal vegetables.	Roast dinner served with mashed/roasted potatoes, stuffing and seasonal vegetables.	Battered fish served with curly fries, peas and bread and butter.
Jacket potato with beans.	Tuna sandwich.	Jacket potato with tuna mayonnaise.	Cheese sandwich.	Jacket potato with beans.
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## **Shout Outs**

- The parents who have supported with the costumes in Year 5 this week
- The 'Prison Me NO Way ' Team who came and gave our children the most amazing day !
- Rocco for hard work and amazing achievement in spelling
- Red Base New Starters – for being so brave and settling in so well

Mrs Claire Mudd and the Wheeler Team