

6th January 2023

Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope that 2023 is a healthy and happy year for all in our school community.

The children have settled quickly after the Christmas holiday and work is already well underway. Thank you for your support in preparing the children for their return to school.

I am thrilled to welcome some new members of staff to our teaching team. We are fortunate to have recruited some very experienced and highly skilled teachers.

Mrs Long will be covering as SENCO whilst Mrs Wright takes her maternity leave. Mrs Long will be in school on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We are fortunate to have a transition period enabling Mrs Wright to spend quality time with Mrs Long, sharing information about the children's SEND needs and in school provision. I'm sure she will introduce herself to many of you over the coming weeks. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries or concerns about SEND.

We welcome Miss Sarah Collins to teach in Hawthorn class whilst Mrs Wright is on maternity leave. Once again we are fortunate that we have been able to arrange a quality transition period. Miss Collins has already met the children and will be shadowing in class, getting to know the children and their individual strengths and needs and then will begin to take over the teaching over the next couple of weeks. Miss Collins will teach in Hawthorn class on Monday, Tuesday and Friday. She will share the class with Mrs Bailey.

Finally we welcome Mrs Julie Ashwell to our teaching team. Mrs Ashwell has joined us as our new Music subject leader and will be teaching music, particularly in KS2, in addition to covering teachers for their Planning, Preparation and Assessment time. Mrs Ashwell will be teaching on Tuesdays and Thursdays, although she has been in daily this week getting to know the children.

The term ahead looks to be busy and we have a number of events planned already with further events and information to follow. Please see the calendar dates below.

Best Wishes,

Sarah Boyle

Headteacher

A REMINDER ABOUT PUNCTUALITY

Thank you to everyone who has made a special effort to be punctual to school this term, it really does help the children to have a positive start to the school day.

Excellent attendance and punctuality at school is something we want for all of our children. If children are late to school it can impact on their learning and their self-esteem.

As you are already aware, we monitor children's attendance regularly and robustly and we do the same with punctuality. Children start school at 8.45am and we expect them to be in their classrooms, ready to start learning by 8.55am. The playground gates are locked at 8.55am so as a reminder; if your child arrives at school after this time, you will need to go to Reception to sign in. If this is after 9am, this will be recorded as a 'late' in the register and you will be asked to provide a reason for the lateness. If your child is late into school they may miss the main teaching input into the lesson and this could impact upon your child's understanding and attainment, so please aim to be at school on time!

We really appreciate your support in raising the importance of good school attendance and punctuality with your children. If you need any support with this please speak to the class teacher or make an appointment to see Mrs Shires or Mrs Boyle.

Getting your child to school on time really matters		
If in a school year your child is late everyday	Your child would have lost approximately	Or they would have missed approximately
5 Minutes	3 days from school	16 lessons lost
10 Minutes	5 days from school	32 lessons lost
15 Minutes	8 days from school	48 lessons lost
20 Minutes	11 days from school	63 lessons lost
30 Minutes	16 days from school	95 lessons lost

SPRING TERM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 25 th January	Robot Coding Club (Children will be made aware if engaging with this club)
Wednesday 1 st February	Year 3 Faith Tour
Wednesday 1 st February	Virtual Internet Safety Briefing For Parents, 6.30pm Booking information to follow
WB: 6 th February	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 7 th February	On-line Safety Day
Friday 10 th February	Last day of term before half term holiday
Monday 20 th February	Children return to school

Thursday 23 rd February	Parent Consultations, 4-7pm Booking information to follow
Tuesday 28 th February	Parent Consultations, 4-7pm Booking information to follow
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day
Friday 17 th March	Scootability for Year 1
Saturday 25 th March	Joint Silsoe Lower and Silsoe Pre-School Well Being Event. Further information to follow
Wednesday 29 th March	Easter Church Services 9.30am and 2.00pm
Friday 31 st March	Last day of term before Easter holiday
Monday 17 th April	INSET
Tuesday 18 th April	Children return to school

OUR CURRENT VALUE IS:
COURAGE

