



Dear Parents, Pupils and Staff,

Last week I forgot to mention the PTA Barn Dance that took place on Saturday 11th March. I was so pleased that it was a packed hall with lots of families including children. A high energy evening that saw everyone come together, dance and enjoy themselves. The event raised £198 but everyone agreed that it was a fantastic evening and something different to events we have had in the past. Plans are already in place to run another one in October. A huge thank you to the PTA for organising this event.




It was lovely to see the children in Early Years out on the playground with the Thurrock Road Safety Team this week learning how to ride a Balance Bike. The children were wrapped up warm and wearing their helmets learning such an important life skill. The children's behaviour for the visitors was excellent and they clearly enjoyed the experience.


Today everyone was dressed in Red to celebrate this year's Red Nose Day. We will let you know what we raised in next week's newsletter. The money will go a long way in helping to support those in need. The PTA also enjoyed selling flowers today to celebrate Mother's Day. The children had the opportunity to purchase some flowers for someone special this weekend. Thank you to everyone who supported this and I hope everyone loves their gift!

This week the children in Year 6 have worked extremely hard as part of their 'Mock SATs', these are national tests that will take place in May. I have been so impressed with the children's attitude towards the tests, they have been completely focused and as a result have performed to a very high standard. Well done to all of the children and staff! Next up will be the actual tests in May and all of the staff are confident that they will do their best!

Have a lovely weekend!

J. A. Bryant
Headteacher

	This week the Attendance Trophies have been awarded to			
	KS1	Class 2	Miss Pyne/ Mr Ekins	97.9%
	KS2	Class 13	Miss Reeve	99.7%
	Congratulations to all classes!			
	Whole School Attendance			95.5%

	<p>Children Coming Into School Late</p> <p>Over the last two weeks I have been monitoring lateness into school in the morning. Children can enter school from 8.45am and there are some learning activities for them to carry out the moment they enter class. Registration closes at 9.00am and the first lesson starts at 9.00am. If children are late they potentially miss the start of the learning process. Last week the amount of learning time lost by 13 children combined was 1 hour and 35 minutes. This week the amount of learning time lost by 7 children combined was 52 minutes.</p>
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Bronze Headteacher Award

This week 10 Bronze Headteacher Awards were presented in assembly. Congratulations to Louisa Pond, James McCartney, Casey Dunwell, Max Cooper, Rheo Bernadine, Callum Draper, Mason Coxall, Megan Walker, Gracie Olley and Arthur Dalton. They are now the proud owners of a new ruler! Congratulations!



Drinks

Please can I remind everyone that the water bottles the children bring into school for break time & drinking in class should contain water only and not juice. It has become apparent that a number of children have squash or juice in their bottles but the school rule is water only. Children are allowed juice at lunchtime as part of their packed lunch. Thank you.



Vodafone Digital Parenting Magazine

The Vodafone Digital Parenting Magazine went home with the children today. It contains lots of really useful information to help you keep your child safe online. It includes 'a parent's guide to gaming', 'coping with online peer pressure', 'advice on cyber-crime and bullying' and much much more so please take the time to read through this important magazine.



Digital Leaders

After receiving lots of applications we have finally picked the school Digital Leaders. It was a very hard decision as all the applications were very good and it was nice to see so many children apply and interested in online safety!

The Digital Leaders will complete 7 training modules over the next couple of months. On completion they will become fully pledged Digital Leaders for our school. The Childnet Digital Leaders Programme aims to empower children and young people to champion digital citizenship and digital creativity within their schools and to educate their peers, parents and teachers about staying safe online.



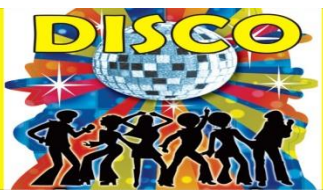
Parent/Carer Online Safety Newsletter

Look out for our Parents/Carer Online Safety newsletter that will be sent out at the end of term next week. It will be focusing on 'what issues may affect young children'.



Collection For Mrs Cumbers

If you wish to contribute to Mrs Sonja Cumbers' collection our Mid-Day Assistant who died of cancer, please send the money into school by Monday as the funeral is on Tuesday. Thank you.



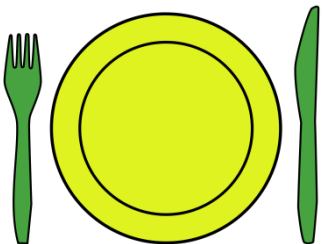
KS2 Discos

Next week the school discos will take place on Tuesday 28th March. The disco for Years 3 & 4 starts at 3.15 p.m. and ends at 5.00 p.m. and the disco for Years 5 & 6 starts at 5.15 p.m. and ends at 6.45 p.m.



School Meals

Have you paid for your child's meals this week? Please remember to log on to school Gateway to check your child's balance. The system will send out emails to all those with an amount owing every week (no matter how small!) so please look out for these reminders



Change to Dinner Menu

On Wednesday 29th March there is a change to the dinner menu. We will be having an Easter lunch, RED choice Roast Turkey with Yorkshire Pudding and GREEN choice Quorn Fillet and Decorated Easter Cake for dessert.



Year 6 - Tuesday Tuition

Tuition is cancelled for Tuesday 28th March, it will start again on Tuesday 18th April and the last one will be on Tuesday 2nd May.



LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

Change to dinner menu – all year groups – 22nd March.
Easter School – Year 6 – 23rd March.
Digital Parenting Magazine – all year groups – 24th March.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES...



March	
Tuesday 28 th	KS2 Disco
Wednesday 29 th	KS1 Easter Celebrations
	KS1 Class Parties
Thursday 30 th	KS2 Easter Celebrations
Friday 31 st	Year 4 Easter Performance (2pm)
	Last Day of Term
April	
Monday 3 rd – Friday 14 th	Holiday
Monday 17 th	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 18 th	Return to School
Thursday 20 th	SEN Coffee Morning (9am)
Friday 21 st	St George's Day Celebration
Monday 24 th – Friday 28 th	Year 5 Isle Of Wight Residential (Mon-Fri)
Wednesday 26 th	SEND Parent/Carer Meetings (Invites to be sent)
May	
Monday 1 st	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Thursday 4 th	Year 4 Isle Of Wight Residential Meeting
Monday 8 th – Friday 12 th	KS2 SATS (No Holidays)
Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th	KS1 SATS (No Holidays)
Thursday 18 th	SEN Coffee Morning
Friday 26 th	Non-Uniform Day (Bring a donation for Summer Fete)
Monday 29 th – Friday 2 nd	Holiday
June	