

**STOP PRESS...****Academy Parent Meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday  
Please do your best to attend**

Dear Parents, Pupils and Staff,

I am sure you have heard about the newest arrivals – the rabbits and guinea pigs – were delivered on Monday. There was, once again, lots of excitement as the children had the chance to visit our new friends. It has been lovely to see the children take a keen interest and it has created a 'buzz' around the school. I look



forward to revealing the names next week! In my assembly on Monday I took the time to speak to the children about our responsibility and the rules including always washing your hands. The children gave lots of good answers around how they could help to keep the animals and themselves safe. I must say a huge thank you to Wonderland Pet Shop for their support with our new venture.



Monday also saw the launch of our walking bus and I have been extremely pleased with the positive take up. I am hopeful that the numbers will continue to increase. Not only will it benefit the current traffic issues but walking is better for the children. We still have spaces for children so please speak to the office if you are interested. Even if you want to walk on just one day that is fine!



23 children in Years 1 and 2 took part in the Thurrock Cross Country event on Thursday and I am pleased to hear that they had a fantastic time. All of the children did their best and represented the school extremely well. A special mention to Hayden Newton (Class 4) for finishing 2<sup>nd</sup>! Well done to all of the children involved and a huge thank you to the staff and parents who supported the children on the day.

**Unfortunately, I have had a number of complaints from local residents regarding parking at the end of the school day. Please can I encourage as many of you as possible to walk if at all possible and if you do need to drive please be considerate of our neighbours.**

Have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely,

*J. A. Bryant*  
Headteacher



This week the **Attendance Bears** have been awarded to

<b>KS1</b>	<b>Class 5</b>	<b>Miss Jones</b>	<b>98.7%</b>
<b>KS2</b>	<b>Class 9</b>	<b>Mrs Livingstone</b>	<b>99%</b>

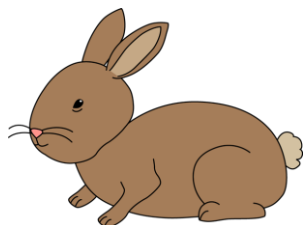
***Congratulations to both classes!***

<b>Whole School Attendance</b>	<b>96.4%</b>
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### **Walking Bus**

If you are interested in using this on one day or on the odd occasion please speak to the office staff and they will put your child's name on the list.



### **Can you help?**

Now that we are looking after a number of animals in school we are hoping that this will be something for the whole community. During holidays we are looking for some volunteers to take care of the animals. If you are interested please let the office know and they will add you to the list.

We are also looking for any donations to help with our animal care. We would be grateful for any of the following:

- Old newspapers
- Straw
- Hay
- Sawdust
- A rabbit run
- Any pet carriers
- Any rabbit or guinea pig food



### **St George's Day Celebration**

The children enjoyed celebrating St George's Day in school today. There was a very popular special themed lunch with doughnuts and each class took part in a range of activities to learn about the traditions of the patron saint. I also delivered some malt loaf to each class for them to try – as you can expect, there were mixed reviews!



### **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

The following clubs are cancelled on TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL:-  
Cooking (Year 4)  
Art (Year 4)  
Animal Care (Year 2)  
Football (Years 1 & 2)  
The only club running on this day is Fencing Club.



## LETTERS SENT HOME / E-MAILED THIS WEEK

Bikeability Training Scheme – Year 6 – 19<sup>th</sup> April  
 British Museum - Year 4 – 20<sup>th</sup> April  
 SAT's Breakfast Club – Year 6 – 20<sup>th</sup> April  
 Academy Meeting – All Years – 20<sup>th</sup> April

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES...



April	
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	St George's Day Year 6 PGL Payment of £50 due (July 2016 Trip)
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Academy Conversion Parent Meeting (7pm)
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Academy Conversion Parent Meeting (9.15am)
May	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Bank Holiday – School Closed</b>
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	SEN Coffee Morning
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 SATS (No Holidays)
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 SATS (No Holidays)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Uniform Day (Bring a donation for Summer Fete)
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	<b>Holiday</b>
June	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Return to School
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Class & Team Photos
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Fete
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 & 2 Phonics Check Week (No Holidays)
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	SEN Coffee Morning EYFS / Year 1 Transition Meeting (2.15pm)
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Week
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 6 Final PGL Meeting (3.30pm)
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sports Day
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 2/3 Transition Meeting (2.30pm) Year 6 PGL Payment of £30 due (July 2016 Trip) Year 5 PGL Payment of £50 due (September 2016 Trip)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Non-Pupil Day</b>
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Transition Week (TBC)
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Open Evening 3.30pm – 5pm & 5.30pm – 7pm