



*Following in the footsteps of Jesus, we learn, love and laugh together*

Friday 1 March 2024



Dear Parents and Carers

A warm welcome back following the half term break. We look forward to seeing the first signs of spring and some warmer weather. While this half term is extremely short it is also a very busy half term where there will be lots of opportunities for learning beyond the classroom. This week the pupils in year six have joined together with pupils from the local schools to watch 'Snap trap', a performance related to online safety. We are also sending an NSPCC parental advice sheet for all parents, as it is important that we work together to ensure the safety of all our pupils. Next week, years 5 and 6 will also receive a visit from the fire service, again to ensure they are fully informed and keep safe.

We started the Mad Science after school club this week, which is just in time for Science week, commencing Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March. This half term, Science will be the focus for our homework activities. Please see the letter from Mrs Jevons, including further details.

#### Uniform

PE uniforms should only be worn on the day your child does PE. This half term all classes will have PE on Monday. Reception, Year One and Two have an additional session on Thursday afternoon. All other days, children should attend school in full school uniform, this includes the days they go swimming and if they have an after-school club.

#### Parking

We feel the extended drop off time has had a really positive impact in relation to parking on the Willows. So much so we have not had complaints for a long time. Unfortunately, just before half term and again this week we have had complaints relating to the following issues.

Cars parking on the corner bend – obstructing the view of pupils and drivers

Cars parked on the yellow Zig Zags

Cars parked on the pavement – obstructing pedestrians

Next week, the Junior Safety Officers will be at the school gates to remind people to park safely. Please support us to ensure everyone remains safe.

Thank you for your continued support. Please see the dates below as a reminder of all the events that are happening this half term. Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes

Eileen Murtagh

## Dates for your diary

Tuesday 5th March—Year 5 and 6—Visit from the Fire Service

Tuesday 5th March—Parents evening (Year 5 and 6)

Wednesday 6th March—Year 3 and 4—Whole class trip to Chester Zoo

Thursday 7th March—World Book Day

Friday 8th March—KS1—Trip to the library

Friday 8th March—Disability afternoon with Bart Gee

Monday 11th March—Science week

Tuesday 12th March—Parents evening

Thursday 14th March—Parents evening

Friday 15th March—Science week dress up day

Friday 15th March—Science week Celebration Assembly

Wednesday 20th March—Mini Vinnies at Chester Catholic High

Thursday 21st March—Year 4 activities day at St Nich's

Friday 22nd March—Cross country

Monday 25th March—Year 5 Violin concert

Wednesday 27th March—Year 5—Easter journey at main Street Community Church

Thursday 28th March—School closes for Easter

## Attendance

Overall Attendance this week **95.6%**.

Across the school, **3 hours and 55 minutes** of learning time was lost this week through late arrivals.

Don't underestimate the importance of 100% attendance. Even one day missed can have an effect on learning.

**98%** attendance means **4** school days missed

**95%** attendance means **10** school days missed

**90%** attendance means **19** school days missed

**80%** attendance means **38** school days missed

**5** minutes late each day means **3** school days missed

Lower than 90% Attendance	90-95% Attendance	96-100% Attendance
Class 1	Reception Class 2 Class 4 Class 5	Class 1 Class 3 Class 6

**Please be aware that requests for children to take holidays during term time will be classed as an unauthorised absence.**

**Please be aware that unauthorised absences that exceed 5 school days during term time will receive a fixed penalty notice (FPN).**

# FREE EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITY



Everyone Welcome  
Ideal For Families

Castle Park Frodsham  
Friday 5 April  
10am - 2pm

Friendly Help Available From 10am



FIND THE CHECKPOINTS USING YOUR PHONE  
YOU CHOOSE THE ROUTE - YOU CHOOSE THE PACE

**New Courses!**

FIND YOUR  
WAY PROJECT

Short 1km Medium 1.5 km



WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**

7 MARCH 2024

**Cheshire West and Chester Libraries**

Visit your local library to exchange  
your voucher for a £1 book.

**+ QUIZ!**

It's free to join the Library and  
there's no late fees for Under  
13s. Libraries may not have the  
books until World Book Day  
itself.



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**Libraries**

## Mr Curran's after school club

This term the focus is...

Monday—Multiskills

Thursday—inter school  
competition training

All info and booking can be  
found here: [https://  
jcpeprimary.classforkids.io/](https://jcpeprimary.classforkids.io/)

# Cherry Class

In English we have been writing our own versions of the story The Lion Inside. We have been showing off our best writing and including our mastery keys.

In maths year 1 have been learning about subtraction and finding the difference between numbers.

Reception have been exploring the position of things and placing objects on top of, under and next to things.

In Geography Year 1 have been learning about the capital of Scotland and some interesting places we would like to visit. We especially liked listening to the bagpipes.

In Science reception have been learning about living things and what they need. We even learned that animals play and use tools, just like us!

In Art, we have been creating our final pieces of artwork. We have been mixing colours and printing and we have been inspired by Andy Goldsworthy and Wassily Kandinsky.

We have started to explore moving books as part of our DT unit. We are looking forward to creating our own moving books.



## Elm Class

Elm class have had an exciting first week back from half term!

In science we have searched our outdoor area for mini beasts and made homes for them that suit their needs!

In DT, we have started our new unit of sewing- Making Easter's baskets. We have started off by learning how to do a running stitch and they are doing very well!

In maths we have continued with our multiplication and division unit, grouping objects, and sharing them out into equal groups.

In English we have been doing lots of amazing writing about our new book, Major Glad and Major Dizzy!



## Yew Class

Yew class have had a wonderful first week of term. In maths, we have started our new topic on fractions. We have been working very practically using fraction wheels to convert improper fractions and mixed numbers in Year 4. Whilst in Year 3 we have been learning about the numerator and denominator in fractions.

In English we have started our new book "When the Giant Stirred". We have been working on using a wide variety of sentences in our writing and used sentence strips to help us write expanded noun phrases and subordinate clauses.

In geography we have been learning about biomes. We sorted pictures into different biomes and used a world map to place the pictures where we think each biome would be located. Year 4 then labelled the biomes on a world map and wrote descriptions. Year 3 identified similarities and differences between temperate and tropical biomes using the ipads to help them with their research.



## Cypress Class

After a well-deserved break, Year 5 and 6 have returned with great enthusiasm and we have had a wonderful first week back. As it is the start of the new half term, we have a new English text which we are all really excited to read. It is called Plastic Planet and explores how plastic is impacting on the world and what we can do to change this. As part of our lessons, we were asked to write a social media post which highlighted the important messages that people need to hear about how climate change is negatively impacting on the planet. We also read an extract from Greta Thunberg's book before writing our own diary entries in the role of Greta. We are all eager to read on and find out more about this very important topic.

Our English text also links in with the work we have been completing in geography. This week, we have been investigating the world's most environmentally friendly countries and found out that this is measured using an EPI (Environmental Performance Index).

On Thursday afternoon, Year 6 were invited to watch 'SnapTrap!'. This was a production/ workshop that was delivered by an outside theatre company who have created a drama performance demonstrating the importance of being safe online, using real life stories as a teaching tool. There were lots of important messages shared.



## Award winners

Well done to this week's award winners...Please note we can only invite parents/carers of headteacher and subject award winners

### Headteacher Awards



### Subject Awards



### Pride Awards

