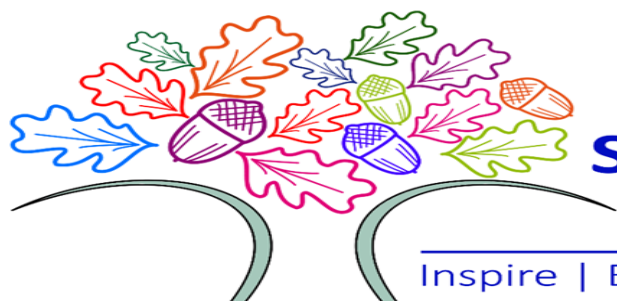


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1st January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school. I hope your Christmas holidays went well and Father Christmas visited. From all at school I would like to wish all members of the school community a happy new year.

The events of December seem a distant memory now but it was heart-warming to see the children enjoying the Christmas productions, the pantomime, the discos and the Carol Service as well as many festive classroom sessions. Our newest children in Reception have settled in beautifully and are both happy and growing in confidence. It is always a pleasure to visit classes to see the progress the children are making academically and socially. The kindness and respect they show for each other is the foundation for a productive learning environment.

May I also say thank you to the staff at the school who contribute in so many ways to the lives of the children, nurturing, caring, educating and supporting. I feel privileged to be a part of a team that invests so much effort in preparing children in every way for their futures.

Warm regards,

Jon Tibbles, Headteacher

Positive Playtimes

On Tuesday we launch our Positive Playtimes scheme. This has involved training for our staff and Midday Supervisors but is led by children. It involves children identifying and engaging in activities with the 5 ways to wellbeing in mind. These can be seen on signs which mark out stations in our school playground. Please feel free to take a look or ask staff about them.

A few polite reminders...

We really appreciate parents parking considerately at the beginning and end of the day. Thank you for using the drop off zone just for dropping off.

Please ensure your child has the correct school uniform and shoes. We are grateful that they also have the correct PE kit in school..

Thank you for collecting your child on time, at 3.10pm for the end of school and at 4.30pm and 5.45pm if attending after school club.

Thank you also for providing a healthy break time snack and water for your child each day. We are currently applying for Healthy School accreditation and these elements play their part in ensuring children grow healthily and that we achieve the award.

Investing in our children's futures

As part of our ongoing commitments to improve, we have committed to a two year programme working collaboratively with other schools to raise the standards and depth of understanding in reading and writing. Our teaching staff will have the opportunity to work with leading experts Pie Corbett, Dean Thompson and Jo Pearce to explore current developments in relation to Talk 4 Writing and Talk 4 Reading. The project will focus on further developing teacher and TA subject knowledge in relation to reading and writing. It will be pitched at helping our practitioners to achieve truly passionate readers and creative writers and, as a result, raise achievement.



It is also important that we strive to ensure our children receive the very best maths teaching. With this in mind we have identified opportunities to work with our Academy partners in using manipulatives, using pictorial representations and other elements of teaching maths so that a greater depth of understanding is achieved. Both projects provide staff and children with exciting learning opportunities going forward.

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"It's behind you..."

We had great fun at the Pantomime!



Congratulations to Yellow Citrine house group....

...who won 2018 Autumn term's house competition.

The number of Dojo points awarded for each child is added to each house group's score every week to determine the winner. Although the competition was very close, the Yellow Citrine group had the most blocks and are our Autumn Term winners.

Musical Statues still a great favourite



The excitement was palpable leading up to the school discos and the children weren't disappointed. Although one or two staff were seen dancing, the children were definitely the experts. Thanks to Andy Mathias for his DJ skills.

Our Value is 'Thankfulness' for this term

If you are able to have conversations about the importance of being thankful with your child, this will reinforce our term's value. See our website for help!

Early Years Bake Off



Wow! What a competition run by Early Years. The standard of entries was extremely high and bids for each cake came pouring in. The children's entries were fantastic and difficult to judge as they were so professional. Many thanks to Early Years for organising this.

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| Monday 7th January 2019 | Term 3 begins |
| Thursday 17th January 2019 | PTFA meeting at The Swan at 7pm |
| Friday, 11th January 2019 | Class 3 Swimming |
| Friday 18th January 2019 | Young Voices Trip |
| Tuesday 29th January 2019 | Class 4 trip to Newent School for Beauty and the Beast |
| Monday 18th February 2019 | Half term begins |
| Monday 25th February 2019 | Term 4 begins |
| Wednesday 27th February 2019 | Height, weight and vision check carried out by NHS— Reception and Y6 |
| Thursday 7th March 2019 | World Book Day—fancy dress day |
| Tuesday 12th March 2019 | Parents' evening |
| Thursday 14th March 2019 | Parents' evening |
| Friday 29th March 2019 | PTFA—Easter Bingo |
| Friday 5th April 2019 | Last day of Term 4 |
| Tuesday 23rd April 2019 | Term 5 begins |
| Mon 13th –Thurs 16th May 2019 | SATs week for Year 6 |
| Mon 20th—Fri 24th May 2019 | PGL week for Class 4 |
| Friday 24th May 2019 | Last day of term 5 |
| Tuesday 4th June 2019 | Term 6 starts |
| Friday 19th July 2019 | Last day of Term 6 |