



Newsletter

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This week

EYFS

This week in Reception we have learnt new digraphs and trigraphs. These are ur, ow, oi and ear. The phrases to help your child remember them are 'curl the fur', 'wow owl', 'boing boing' and 'get near to hear.' The children have really enjoyed making pictures related to these phrases. In maths we have been learning about measure. We have explored mass and capacity. The key words we have learnt include heavier, lighter, balanced, the same as, full and empty. Maybe you could use some of this vocabulary at home to consolidate their learning?

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to help with our junk modelling project next Wednesday. Please sign in at the office at 1.30pm filled with ideas for machine making and ready for an afternoon full of fun and creativity. If there are any other parents/carers available, please inform the class representatives. To make this project possible we will need lots of junk modelling resources. Please send these to school with your child from next Monday. Thank you in advance.

Y1 homework

Maths – Number bonds homework was sent out at the start of this ½ term and a number bonds game has also been sent out. Maths homework will be sent out weekly.

Spelling – weekly homework will come home today and every Friday from now on. Please see your child's spelling book in their book bag. Please ensure this book is in your child's book bag on a Friday as their weekly spelling test will also be in this book.

Other homework – teachers may at times also send other homework home, including handwriting. Please check your child's book bag.

Y2 homework

Maths – weekly homework is sent home on a Friday

Spelling – weekly homework is sent home every Monday and is tested the following Monday

Other homework – teachers may at times also send other homework home, including handwriting and reading comprehension. Please check your child's purple homework folder.

KS1 Reading diaries

Every child is heard read at least 3 times a week. Staff will stamp your child's reading diary weekly and will add a comment if they feel this is required. Please can parents write in their child's reading diary as this is a really useful indication as to how reading is going at home.

Year 1 upcoming trips

Week beginning 29 January the children will be walking to Meadway and Kneller Gardens as part of their Geography and Science lessons (weather permitting).

Monday 5 February the children will be visiting the Fire Station as part of their current topic

Please remember that permission for local walks and visits is not required as this was given on your admission form.

KS1 Choir

From this week choir will be on Friday lunchtime. There is no need to sign your child up for choir, just remind them to listen out for the Mrs Burton ringing the bell.

Occasionally choir will need to move to another day/time. If this happens we do our utmost to move to a time that doesn't clash with another club.

KS1 Monday lunchtime football and netball

This club has not been running due to poor weather. The club will resume after ½ term, weather and state of pitch permitting.

Y2 Chess

Y2 chess will resume next Thursday lunchtime.

Volunteers needed

Please use the link below to sign up to help with library, cooking and reading across the federation.

<https://forms.office.com/e/GCS9sWiYjk>

Y3/4 Reading Workshop

Please hold the date for our forthcoming Reading Workshop for parents of children in Years 3 and 4. To help make it convenient for as many parents as possible, we are running two identical sessions at different times of the school day. Please choose from either:

- Thursday 1 February - 2:30-3:15pm

or

- Friday 2 February - 9:00-9:45am

Refreshments will be available and it aims to be a practical, hands on session full of top tips to help your child enjoy, progress and engage in reading.

See attached poster.

SPARK Awards



Each year we take part in the SPARK! awards where schools read recently published books that have been short-listed titles by a panel of teachers, and then give their feedback. SPARK! is one of the few children's book awards that actually gets voted for by children, and its aim is to promote the love of reading by introducing children to books that are relevant to them and represent the diverse world they live in.

This week SPARK! announced their four book shortlists for each of award category. You can find a short video announcing the selected titles in each category on their social media accounts, or on the dedicated website category pages below:

- [Picture Fiction for Early Readers](#)
- [Ages 7+ Fiction](#)
- [Ages 9+ Fiction](#)
- [Ages 11+ Fiction](#)
- [Guest Category: Graphic Novels](#)

As participating schools, we will be given copies of each title to read to children and lend out but we thought you might find the recommendations useful.

Bikes and Scooters

We strongly encourage children to walk, bike or scooter to school and it is great to see so many bikes and scooters in school. Please note that there are places to store scooters in the Infants and the Juniors. As the Infants' area is rather small, you are welcome to park bikes or scooters in the Junior covered area by the Third Cross Rd gate.

Please remember to dismount when in the school grounds as it can become quite congested. We also ask that children take their bike or scooter home each night as these should not be left at school.

Climbing Frames

Please do not allow your children to go on the climbing frames either before or after school. The climbing frames are only used at playtimes and lunchtimes. Thank you.

School Uniform

Please remember to name your child's uniform, bookbags, PE kits, coats and shoes. We have had so many items in lost property which are unnamed which makes it impossible to return them to their owners. Thank you

Ealing Learn are running free ESOLs course (Keep Learning with English for Speakers of Other Languages)

To find out more go to the link below.

<https://learnealing.org.uk/esol-english-maths/>

Maths Fair

Come and join us for fun, games and prizes!

Our generous sponsors Mathnasium are hosting a math fair for all children after school on Friday 9th of Feb in the Gothic Road Infant hall.

Please find poster attached.

DIARY DATES

FORTHCOMING FEDERATION EVENTS			
<i>Please note these dates may be subject to change.</i>			
DATE	YEAR GROUP	EVENT	
12-16 Feb	All	Half term – school closed	
w/c 19 Feb	All	Parents evenings	
Fri 23 Feb	All	PTA Quiz and Curry Night	
Tues 5 Mar	All	PTA meeting	
Wed 6 Mar	All	Coffee morning – see attached flyer	
Thur 7 Mar	All	World Book Day	
Fri 8 Mar	All	Class Reps	
Fri 15 Mar	All	Red Nose Day	
18-22 Mar	All	International Week	
Fri 22 Mar	All	PTA Family Magic Show	
Thu 28 Mar	All	End of Spring Term	
Mon 15 Apr	All	First day of Summer Term	
Sun 21 Apr	All	Earth Day – Big Dig	
Tues 7 May	All	PTA meeting	
Fri 10 May	All	Class Reps	
Tues 18 June	All	PTA meeting	
Fri 21 June	All	Class Reps	
Sun 30 June	All	Summer Fair	
Tues 23 July	All	Last day of Summer Term	
INFANT ONLY DATES			
Mon 5 Feb	Y1	Visit to the Fire Station	
Thu 8 Feb	Y2	Scarlet class to visit Strawberry Hill House	
Thu 22 Feb	Y2	Orange class to visit Strawberry Hill House	
Mon 13 May	Reception	Visit to Bockett's Farm	
JUNIOR ONLY DATES			
Tues 30 Jan	Y5	Tudor Day	
Thu 8 Feb	Y6	6D class assembly - TBC	
Wed 28 Feb	Y5	Instrument assembly	
Thu 29 Feb	Y4	4BR class assembly	
Fri 1 Mar	All	Deadline for creative projects	
Tue 5 Mar	Y3 & Y4	Instrument Assembly	
Thu 7 Mar	Y3	3J class assembly	
Wed 13 Mar	Y6	Instrument Assembly	
Thu 14 Mar	Y5	5AJ class assembly	
Thu 2 May	Y4	4M class assembly	
Thu 9 May	Y5	5R class assembly	

13-17 May	Y6	SATS
17-19 May	Y5	Residential to Juniper Hall
Thu 23 May	Y3	3HS class assembly
Fri 24 May	All	Class Photographs
Thu 13 June	Y6	6AW class assembly
21-24 June	Y6	Residential to Kingswood
Tues 23 Jul	Y6	Leavers' Assembly

COMMUNITY

Drawing Matters

See attached flyer.

Knights Basketball

See attached flyer.