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This week we have had a number of visitors in school. I am really pleased to welcome Dee and Sue to our team who have now completed all of the checks and training to come into school as reading volunteers. They will be coming in weekly to read with years 1 and 4. We also have further expressions of interest which we are really grateful for.

The weather has turned very cold again and it seems might stay this way for a little while. Please make sure your children have suitable outdoor clothing to keep them warm during breaks and lunchtimes and also that all items of clothing are named. Please also be careful when coming onto/leaving the school site. Mr Eccles does clear and grit walkways but is unable to do the full site and carpark.

You will have seen in the news that the NEU teaching union have balloted members for strike action. At the moment I don't have any firm information to share with you but will update as soon as further information becomes available. In the meantime, we are putting interim arrangements in place with the limited information we have at the moment to ensure that any disruption to the school is kept to the minimum. Thank you in advance for your patience with this.

Please can I ask all parents to check their contact details and the contact details of wider family you have listed with us and please let us know of any changes. We need up-to-date contact details should we need to contact you during the school day. You can call into the office to update details or email the changes into the school office.

Thank you once again for the donations received in school to help us support both the foodbank and families in school who are finding the present times challenging. It is much appreciated.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

Mrs Backhouse

Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date: 95.48%

This week's winning class: 1M 99%. Amazing!



Clubs

Thank you for your patience and understanding whilst we have completed allocating clubs this week. Those children on the waiting list for the KS1 football club are guaranteed a place in it in the Summer term. Please inform the teacher running the club if your child is unable to attend a session for any reason.

PTA News

PTA have a large stock of pre-used uniform. It is all in really good condition. There are now order forms in reception that you can fill in for items or you can email your request to

mbeswick@whittakermoss.rochdale.sch.uk

We have plenty of school jumpers, cardigans, trousers, skirts and pinafores.

There are also a number of really good winter coats and a small selection of shoes and pumps.

We have a suggested donation of £1 if you are able to donate.

Learning

Please look on your child's class page on the school website to find information about what they will be learning this term.

World Book Day

Our theme for World Book Day this year is 'Bedtime Stories'. Children are invited to come to school dressed in their pyjamas for a donation to Manchester Children's Hospital, the school council's chosen local charity for this year. Children may bring slippers to wear inside but they must have shoes or trainers to wear outside. Children may bring their favourite bedtime story to share on the day.

Stars of The Week

Well done to the following children for winning our Star of the Week Award:

Nursery: Isma'il	5W: Coragh
R1: Haris	5M: Jacob
R2: Aayan	6W: Ruby
1W: Ayda	6M: Amelia
1M: Pippa	Mrs Cadogan: Isabella
2W: Zakariyya	
2M: Muhammed	
3W: Is'Haq	
3M: Hattie	
4W: Haroon	
4M: Zaara	

Lunchtime Stars Golf Vouchers

We will be awarding ten vouchers per week for two free rounds of mini golf at Rochdale Putt Stars for children who display excellent behaviour at lunch times, both when they are eating and when they are playing outside. Congratulations to our winners for before the Christmas break: Polly, Teddy, Lucy, Yuhab, Ayaan, Muhammad, Esme, Amelia, Isla and Adam.

Thank you to Rochdale Putt Stars for offering this scheme to the school.



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School Council News

Councillors will meet on Friday 20th January when they will discuss Easter activities and fundraising plans. They will be running an Easter raffle and competitions. More details to follow. During the next meeting, members will also be creating posters to advertise their World Book Day fundraising event for Manchester Children's Hospital. A huge thank you to local Estate Agents Ryder & Dutton, who, this week, have offered to support the work of the school council by donating eggs and a hamper for the Easter raffle.

Calendar Dates

Please see below for important dates for the Spring term. These may be added to as the term progresses.



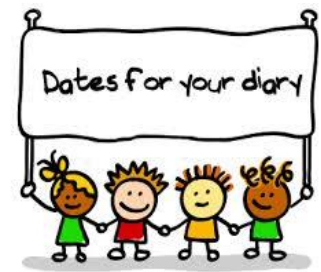
Dojo Winners

Well done to all our dojo points winners for last week:

Nursery: Eva	4M: Aleeza
R1: Haniya	5W: Ayaan
R2: Annabelle	5M: Ismail
1W: Jorge & Connie	6W: Fayzan
1M: Adam	6M: Amelia
2W: Alfie	
2M: Sophie	
3W: Haris	
3M: Azka	
4W: Freya	

Dates for the Diary Spring Term 2023

We try to include as many useful dates as we can but suggest that you keep checking this list over the following weeks as dates may be added or amended. Please contact school if you have any queries relating to dates of events or holidays.



Wednesday 1 st February 5.30pm	Year 2 SATS meeting
Thursday 2 nd February 5.30pm	Year 6 SATs meeting
W/C Monday 7 th February	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 7 th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 17 th February	School closes for half-term
Monday 27 th February	School re-opens after the half-term break
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day - Bedtime Story Theme. Dress in pyjamas for a donation to Manchester Children's Hospital.
W/C 13 th March	Science Week
Tuesday 14 th March	Parents' Evening 1
Wednesday 15 th March	Parents' Evening 2
Friday 17 th March	Red Nose Day
Friday 17 th March	Ramadan assemblies with Neeli Mosque
Thursday 23 rd March	Easter Assemblies with Rev. Jason and Mr Willis
Friday 24 th March	PTA School Disco
Wednesday 29 th March 5.30pm	Year 1 Parents' Phonics Meeting
Wednesday 29 th March 9.30am	Year 3/4 Easter performance for Year 3 parents
Thursday 30 th March 9.30am	Year 3/4 Easter performance for Year 4 parents
Friday 31 st March	Easter egg and bonnet entries into school
Friday 31 st March	Pupil of the Term Assembly
Friday 31 st March	Close for Easter