

Thursday 18th January 2024

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It has certainly been a week of changeable weather! Thank you for your support and engagement in using our text, email and Facebook pages to get the information you need regarding the weather and school. It certainly makes it easier for the ladies in the office! We always plan to stay and remain open. Sometimes it might mean children arrive a little later, come via the front entrance or spend some of the day with another group whilst everyone gets in, but that's all just part of the fun for the few days of the year we tend to have snow. We do of course complete risk assessments and site surveys to ensure we are safe on site. It's very rare that we get to build igloos and snowmen at school so having the opportunity together is great fun.

Thank you to you all for completing the clubs form online. Mrs Cadogan is making her way through almost 230 applications. We are pleased with the range of clubs this term and are confident that the majority of children will receive their first or second choice place. Please watch out for slips coming home as clubs will begin next week.

This Friday we are having a non-uniform day to raise money for Save The Children. It is one of our regular and chosen charities as they support children across the world when they are most vulnerable or in danger. If you can spare any change to contribute to the collection then it would be most appreciated. We are hoping to also have the opportunity to donate via ParentPay. Donations are purely voluntary and children can come in non-uniform whether a donation is received or not. Likewise, if you have your own preferred charity that you would rather donate to, that is fine too!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Backhouse

Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date: 95.47%

This week's winning class: 5W & 6M 100% Amazing!



Clubs

Before and after school clubs will recommence from the week beginning Monday 22nd January 2024. A booking form was sent out via e-mail last week. Pupils will be informed of their club allocation by Friday 19th January. We have tried hard to accommodate first or second preferences but some clubs have proved very popular so your child may be on a waiting list for a club. Please inform the teacher running the club or the school office if your child is unable to attend a club for any reason. If your child is attending a sports club, they will need to bring sports kit to change in to. We thank you for your patience and understanding during the allocation of club places as we have had over 200 applications to sort through.



Golden Grin Award

We are pleased to let you know that we have been awarded the Golden Grin Award at Gold Level. This award recognises all the work that we do as a school community to promote healthy eating and to ensure that our children have healthy teeth by preventing tooth decay and cavities. One of the ways we would ask families to support our work is when it is your child's birthday. Every child in our school is given a birthday card from the class. We know some families like to send a little something in for the class, although this is certainly not an expectation. If you do wish to do this, we ask that it not be food as some of our children have particular dietary requirements or allergies.

Learning

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

Stars of The Week

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

Nursery: Ishaq	5W: Sulaiman
R1: Charlie	5M: Sarah
R2: Erin	6W: Charlotte
1W: Aayan	6M: Ruby
1M: Zain	Mrs Cadogan: Jordan
2W: Hawa	
2M: Jessica	
3W: Zakariyya	
3M: Grace	
4W: Eiliyah	

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 this week: Zahlie, Jonah, Lamisah, Saafa, Oscar, Lucas, Maryum, Rhodi and Charlotte.

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



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School Council News

The school council met on Wednesday to discuss their mental health and wellbeing campaign and their upcoming 'Dress in Pyjamas Day' for Manchester Children's Hospital on World Book Day, Thursday 7th March. Next meeting, they will create posters to advertise this fundraising event. The council are halfway towards the total they need to purchase new playground equipment after their Christmas trolley event.

Save the Children Fundraising Day

Children may come to school in non-uniform this Friday, 19th January, for a small donation to Save the Children, a charity that the school has supported the work of for many years. Donations may be brought into school or can be made online through Parent Pay accounts.



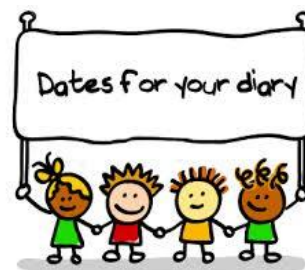
Dojo Winners

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

Nursery: Toby	4W: Amelia
R1: Robyn	5W: Albie
R2: Yusuf	5M: Harry
1W: Remi & Matilda	6W: Jacob
1M: Haniya	6M: Lilli
2W: Thea	
2M: Nathan	
3W: Emily	
3M: Finley	

Dates for the Diary Spring Term 2024

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.



Friday 19 th January	Non-uniform day - donations for Save the Children, please.
W/C Monday 22 nd January	Clubs recommence
W/C Monday 29 th January	PTA Penny Wars for two weeks
Wednesday 31 st January 5.30pm	Year 6 Parents SATs Meeting
W/C Monday 5 th February	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 6 th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 16 th February	School closes for half-term
Monday 26 th February	School re-opens after the half-term break
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day - Bedtime Story Theme. Dress in pyjamas for donation to Manchester Children's Hospital - School Council Local Charity for 2024
Tuesday 12 th March	Parents' Evening 1
Wednesday 13 th March	Parents' Evening 2
Friday 22 nd March	PTA School Discos 6pm - 7.30pm
Monday 25 th March 9.15am	Year 3/4 Spring performance for Year 3 parents
Tuesday 26 th March 9.15am	Year 3/4 Spring performance for Year 4 parents
Wednesday 27 th March 5pm - 6pm	Year 1 Parents' Phonics Meeting
Wednesday 27 th March	Easter egg and bonnet entries into school
Thursday 28 th March 1.45pm	Pupil of the Term Assembly
Thursday 28 th March	Close for Easter