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This week I have met with representatives of the school council to discuss their upcoming 'Break the Rules' fundraising day. They had put together a very long and interesting list of rules they could be allowed to break for a donation to charity. We have agreed on the ones which are both fun and workable for school so if your child comes and says they can wear pyjamas to school, have wacky hair or even face paint then this is allowed on the 31st of the month! Thank you for supporting our School Council with this; please see further down for more information. All money raised will be donated the council's chosen charity: Spring Hill Hospice.

All of our clubs have now been organised and have now started. Thank you for being prompt with your bookings and understanding when some clubs are full. We are looking into whether some clubs that are run by outside providers can be widened to include a wider range of children. If we are able to do this, we will contact those who have expressed an interest.

Please can I remind parents that we are unable to authorise any holidays or travel in term time. From September last year, the DfE brought in new expectations and restrictions around attendance that schools must adhere to. Attendance is now followed over a three-year rolling period and penalty notice fines also increase in ways not in place previously. Any money from Penalty Notices goes directly to the Local Authority and does not come to school. We have sent out information to parents about this but it can also be found on our website and Mrs Beswick would be happy to send a copy home if you would like it for future reference.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Backhouse



Interesting Fact:

The **hippocampus** is a small part of our brain with a big job. It helps us with our learning and memory.

Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date:
95.95%

This week's winning class: R2 99.7% Amazing!



Collecting After School Arrangements

If you need to change your arrangements for collecting your child at the end of the school day e.g. a different person collecting or slightly earlier pickup time, please may we ask that you inform the school office by 12pm on the day by either e-mail or a telephone call. This will ensure that class teachers receive the correct information in good time and will stop any unnecessary delays. We thank you for your support with this matter.

Before and After School Clubs

Clubs recommenced this week. Please let the teacher who runs the club know if your child is unable to attend a session. Please speak to Mr Chapman about the spaces available in some clubs if your child has not been allocated a club but would like to join one.



PTA Penny Wars

Back by popular demand from our pupils, the PTA Penny Wars will run from Monday 27th January until Friday 7th February 2025. Each class will have a special jar that they can put any coins which they find at home, into. The class that fills their jar with the most pennies will win a film and snacks afternoon. All monies raised by the event will go to PTA funds which are used to buy resources or fund special events in school.

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Parking

Please can parents/carers remember to park considerately in the streets surrounding the school. Sadly, school has received several complaints and photographic evidence from local residents of cars blocking drives and roads through careless parking.



Stars of The Week

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

Nursery: Zak	5W: William
R1: Yousef	5M: Faizan
R2: Aleesha	6W: Jack
1W: Idrees	6M: Rehan
1M: Erin	Mrs Cadogan: Finn
2W: Leo	
2M: Zain	
3W: Maya	
3M: Zahra	
4W: Rayyan	
4M: Theo	

Lunchtime Stars Golf Vouchers

Unfortunately, we can no longer award lunchtime stars golf vouchers due to Rochdale Putt Stars being taken over by Hollywood Bowl. If you have any vouchers at home, these can be used until the end of February. Our final voucher winners were: Musa, Charlie, Isma'il, George, Rumaysa, Finley, Riley, Rubens and Maryam. Well done to them.

We will continue to reward our lunchtimes stars who, from this week, will receive a certificate.

School Council News

School council members met with Mrs Backhouse last week to decide which school rules could be broken for the upcoming Break the Rules Day on Friday 31st January. More information about this day can be found at the end of the newsletter. All monies raised by this event will go to Springhill Hospice, the school council's chosen local charity for this year.

Online Safety



Please visit the staying safe online section of the parents' area of the school website for access to a wide range of information leaflets for parents about the latest games and platforms that children are accessing online.

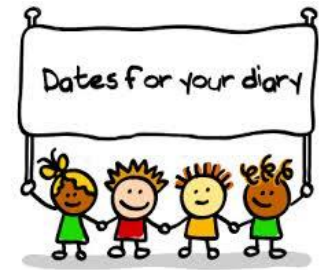
Dojo Winners

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

Nursery: Wilfred	4M: Jack
R1: Bobby	5W: Danielle
R2: Neve	5M: Riley
1W: Freddie	6W: Laibah
1M: Izzy	6M: Zaara
2W: Henry	
2M: Rosie	
3W: Ciara	
3M: Hawa	
4W: Eva & Amelia	

Dates for the Diary Spring Term 2025

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.



W/C Monday 20 th January	Clubs recommence
Wednesday 22 nd January	Healthy Eating Assembly with School Nursing Team
W/C Monday 27 th January	PTA Penny Wars for two weeks
Friday 31 st January	School Council Break the Rules Day for Springhill Hospice
W/C Monday 3 rd February	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 11 th February	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 13 th February	Year 2 Theatre Trip
Friday 14 th February	PTA Non-Uniform Day
Friday 14 th February	School closes for half-term
Monday 24 th February	INSET Day
Tuesday 25 th February	School re-opens after the half-term break
Monday 3 rd March	Year 3 Local Walk - Norden and Greenbooth <i>(Please note change of date)</i>
Thursday 6 th March	Year 4 Trip to Liverpool World Museum
Friday 7 th March	Whittaker Moss celebrates World Book Day. Theme - My Story. Dress in something to celebrate you.
W/C 10 th March	Science Week
Monday 10 th March	Parents' Evening 1
Tuesday 11 th March	Parents' Evening 2
Tuesday 11 th March	Wonder Dome (inflatable planetarium) in school
Friday 21 st March	Comic Relief Day: non-uniform
Monday 24 th March 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Years 3/4 Parent & Child Spring Art Afternoon
Tuesday 25 th March 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Years 1/2 Parent & Child Spring Art Afternoon
Tuesday 25 th March 5 - 6pm	Year 1 Parents' Phonics Meeting
Wednesday 26 th March 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Nursery & Reception Parent & Child Spring Art Afternoon
Thursday 27 th March 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Years 5/6 Parent & Child Spring Art Afternoon
Monday 31 st March 9.30am	Year 3/4 Spring performance for Year 3 parents
Tuesday 1 st April 9.30am	Year 3/4 Spring performance for Year 4 parents
Wednesday 2 nd April	Easter egg and bonnet entries into school
Friday 4 th April 1.30pm	Pupil of the Term Assembly
Friday 4 th April	Close for Easter Break

Whittaker Moss School Council Break the Rules Day!

Friday 31st January 2025

The school council has agreed with Mrs Backhouse that certain school rules can be broken for a price! Please look at the rules you can break which are listed below. On Friday 31st January, please bring into school the money for the rules you have broken. All monies raised by this day will go to Springhill Hospice, the school council's local charity for the year. We thank you for your support.

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<u>Broken Rule</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Coming to school in a football/sports kit (no studded boots, please)	50p
Coming to school in pyjamas and slippers (please bring a pair of shoes for outside)	50p
Wearing nail varnish	20p
Coming to school with a wacky hairstyle (not shaved, please!)	20p
Wearing odd socks	10p
Wearing trainers	20p
Wearing non-uniform	50p
Wearing face paint or face jewels	20p