



# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April

Discussion of the Week

Welcome back after what was I hope a restful and enjoyable Easter break. Children have come back to school with enthusiasm and energy, and new topics have begun in all year groups. Homework has also been returned and I am looking forward as always to getting round to every child and sharing what they have produced. On Monday, we reminded children about our Golden Rules and the importance of safe movement around the building (hall, playground, corridors, classrooms). We will remain focused on frequently reminding children about these important expectations throughout this half term.

Today in assembly, children with **100% attendance** from the Spring term have been awarded their certificates. It was lovely to see how proud they were. Well done all of you! Our whole school attendance remains above the national expectation, so thank you to all of you for your continued support with this.

**This term** promises to be a busy one. Please refer to the diary dates for the year and keep an eye on the newsletter for upcoming events. On **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May (9:00am)**, we will be running a **maths workshop** for parents. It will be focused on times tables and their links to different areas of maths. The meeting will begin all together in the hall and then there will be an opportunity to drop into your child's class to participate in some activities with them.

We are also looking forward to providing more opportunities to enrich the children's learning through trips, visitors into school along with enabling you to come in and join in with activities that children are doing.

Y6 and Y2 children will be participating in national testing this half term. This remains an important, statutory aspect of children's time at school, but a very small snapshot of what we as a school believe to be important for our children as individuals. We have tried hard to build up to this time in a low key way as much as possible, preparing children with the skills and knowledge they need. If you have any concerns about your child and their tests, please come and speak to the class teacher.

Only one more homework project will be issued to all children for the remainder of the year due to this half term being so short.

After half term, we will begin to plan for looking ahead. Children in YR will have their break and lunchtimes with the children in the rest of the school in preparation for Y1. Children in Y2 will begin to come round to the classroom door through the Key Stage 2 gate. All children will participate in transition activities focused on positive experiences for moving on. Exciting times!

Enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend.

*Hayley Ferguson*

## Should the Government vote to have more Bank Holidays?

### Merits

**SAPPHIRE:** Alfie, Phoebe, Rebecca (y3)

**RUBY:** Austin (y3)

**SILVER:** Leo (y4)

**Well done to all of you!**

### Dates for the Diary

01 May:	Bank Holiday-School Closed
08-12 May:	SATs Week
17 May:	Class Photographs
18 May:	Parents Forum
22 May:	Maths workshop (parents)
29-2 June:	Half Term
07 June:	Sports Day
12 June:	Phonics Screening Year 1
14 June:	Reserve Sports Day
28 June:	Parents Forum

### REMINDER – New School Meal Cost

School Meals are now **£2.15 each**

Please ensure all meals are paid for in advance or on the day of ordering.

**Daily Cost - £2.15**

**Weekly Cost – £10.75**

### Lost Property

Our lost property box is overflowing. Please pop into Reception to see if your child has any unclaimed items.

Items not claimed will be taken to the Charity Shop next week.

### Letters this week

- Manor Farm visit – Yr 3 & 4
- Science Centre trip – Yr 5 & 6

### This Week's Winning Team

**ELM**