



Head's Message

Welcome back and a Happy New Year!

It's so great to see everyone, happy and refreshed and looking forward to a fantastic Spring Term. We're starting 2016 with new aspirations (our value next week), and what a lovely way to begin with the School Song supported by the Parent Band in assembly today.

We are listening to Mozart around the school, both this week and next, and new topics are being introduced in class, so please help to ensure that children are excited and motivated by talking to them about their learning.

Composer of the Week

Next week our composer will be:

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart



Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 11th February 2016: Inset Day (School closed for pupils)

Friday 12th February 2016: Inset Day (School closed for pupils)

Monday 15th – Friday 19th February 2016: Half Term

Monday 22nd February 2016: School re-opens after half term

Celebration Assembly

15th January 2016: Year 3 & Year 4

22nd January 2016: Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

29th January 2016: Year 3 & Year 4

5th February 2016: Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

Home Learning

Reception: See EYFS News

Year 1: What can you find out about owls?

Year 2: Research facts about the Eiffel Tower and, if you can, bring in anything that you have related to Paris e.g. holiday photos etc.

Year 3: Learn our Victorian information text off by heart.

Year 4: Learn as much of our target texts as possible.

Attendance

This week the attendance figures are:

1st	Dahl	100.00%
2nd	Lewis	96.15%
3rd	Dickens	94.44%
4th	Carroll	94.38%
5th	Potter	93.33%

Notices

Parent Workshop

The next Parent Workshop '**Reading for Pleasure**' will take place on **Friday 5th February 2016 at 9.00am**. This will be a short session and is aimed at Reception or KS1 parents, but anyone is more than welcome to join.

We will be looking at different ways of reading with your child, and what type of questions you might be asking to extend their interest and their learning.

Year 1 Swimming

Year 1 swimming lessons begin on Monday 11th January 2016. Please remember to send your child to school with their swimming costume or boys swim shorts (above the knee), swimming hat for long hair, a towel and a bag suitable for your child to carry.
Thank you.

After School Clubs

After School Clubs commence on Monday 11th January 2016. Please remember that a 50% payment is due for all After School Clubs by Friday 15th January 2016.
Thank you.

School Photographs

If you ordered school photographs, your child will have brought them home today. Please remember to look in their bag. Thank you.

Value of the Week

Our value this week has been 'Happiness'.



EYFS News

2016 is off to an adventurous start, with Reception class exploring the Challenge question 'What makes a Wild Rumpus?'. Next week they will be continuing to work in groups to script and design their very own performances for a receptive Year 4 audience!

In Maths we are learning our numbers 10-15, specifically focusing on 1 more or 1 fewer using a number line.

In Literacy we are learning our own version of 'Where the Wild Things Are' and will be describing the beasts, and inventing our own.

Ideas for Home Learning: You could invent a dance, song, poem or rap with your child which they could use for their 'Rumpus'. You could explore a number line 0-20, and play games involving the numbers 0-15. You could make a mask using materials and fabrics or a boat to travel to a faraway world. Please Note: Reading Books (with a yellow reading record) will now be coming home on a Friday in addition to Phonics books. Both books will be changed every Friday, so please ensure they are in your child's book bag.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Hyslop & the EYFS team