



Head's Message

New topics have started in all classes and learning is well underway. Thank you to parents for supporting your children so well with their home-learning and prep. We are seeing some fantastic pieces of work and research coming into school from home.

Specialist Art and Music lessons are also taking place in school, linked to the Challenge Curriculum. We look forward to sharing some of this work and our innovative approach to the wider curriculum in our Challenge Curriculum Workshop on 4th March 2016.

I would just like to bring your attention back to the school uniform. It is vital that we maintain our high standards and so I ask that you check your child's uniform and ensure it is in line with our policy.

PE days are listed below; there are slight changes for this term and children also need the correct kit for PE days.

PE days are as follows:

Monday – Reception and Year 2
Tuesday – Year 3 and Year 4
Wednesday – Year 1

Next week we have visitors from the Microsoft worldwide team coming to see our new technology in action, and we are very proud to show them your children's hard work and share with them our commitment to innovation in the use of technology.

And finally, thank you so much to **The Parent Band** who came in force this morning, with a special guest appearance from Mr McBeath, to share a tribute to David Bowie. Emotions were high and the response from the children whilst Space Oddity was being played was mesmerising in itself. We are so lucky to have such talent in the parent community for the children to aspire to, and to have this quality of live performance is priceless.



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

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

29th January 2016: Year 3 & Year 4

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

Composer of the Week

Next week our composer will be:

David Bowie



Home Learning

Reception: See EYFS News.

Year 1: Find out about one animal that lives at the North Pole.

Year 2: What can you find out about Notre Dame?

Year 3: Can you write a diary of your day with timings?

Year 4: Make a poster to show Roman's religious beliefs.

Attendance

This week the attendance figures are:

1st	Dahl	99.33%
2nd	Lewis	96.75%
3rd	Dickens	96.67%
4th	Potter	95.67%
5th	Carroll	94.67%

Stars of the Week

For showing aspiration, our stars of the week are:



Rahaf Ellis Tobi Oscar Zaia



Grace Aimee Martha Maya Davin

Notices

After School Clubs

If you have not yet done so, can you please pay 50% of the After School Clubs for your child for this term. Thank you.

Parent Workshop

Reminder - 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 and KS1 parents, but anyone is more than welcome to join.

New Parent Governor

Mr Simon Newman has been elected as our new Parent Governor. Congratulations!

Year 1 Swimming

Reminder – Year 1 pupils must bring in their swimming kit for swimming lessons on Mondays.

EYFS News

Carroll Class have loved our first 'Challenge Week', creating their Wild Rumpuses to perform to Year 4. They have impressed all their teachers with their independent writing- so much so that some of their work will now be going on a new display in the *School Library!* Next week we will be moving onto more complex shapes in Maths and exploring the concept of estimating through a 'Guess and Check' strategy. For the next fortnight our Literacy text will be 'Toys in Space' and children will be creating their own space stories to read and perform.

Ideas for Home Learning: You could make a parachute for a toy at home and discuss the distance it travels. You could design and make your own alien using materials from around the house, such as a glove or sock. You could go star gazing one evening and discuss what might happen in Outer Space!

Next week, please keep an eye out for permission slips for our trip to the Science Museum on 5th February 2016.

Mrs Hyslop & the EYFS team