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Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a lovely couple of weeks. Sunflower and Bellflower classes have been brilliant at lunchtime—sitting at their tables sensibly, trying new food, eating well, talking to their new friends and going out to explore the big playground. Year 1 have been enjoying the Gruffalo and even found some huge footprints in their classrooms! Our new nursery children have now settled well and are loving the classroom and playground activities.

Due to increased numbers of Covid cases nationally, we have revisited our procedures and tried to ensure staff do not cross bubbles. You may have also seen SLT wearing visors or masks as we visit different classrooms. The children are now excellent with their handwashing routines and we will continue this as we go through the term. Please could I remind parents if a child has a temperature, they must not come into school and should go for a Covid test.

We look forward to working with you and your children this year and into the future as we develop our school. If you have any question, ideas or concerns please do let us know.

Mrs J Fraser
Headteacher

Learning resource packs

Today your child will come home with a very exciting present from school—a learning resource pack to keep at home! The home learning packs can be used at home to support their learning. They include laminated resources, a whiteboard pen and a dice. You will also find a useful ideas and links sheet to support your child at home in the event of a bubble closure or time at home waiting for tests. There is a leaflet about the website 'Epic!' that you can use to read library books at home while our school library is closed.



Reception packs also include a letter about how to set up your Interactive Learning Diary accounts and the login information for Rising stars which we will be using this year to send reading books home. These are levelled to your child's colour band and include the sounds that they have been learning in class with the Phonics Fairy.

Year 1 parents will continue to use their ILD accounts from last year and have already been given the Rising Stars log in and some children have been accessing reading books, well done!



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Interactive Learning Diary

Next week your child's classteacher will activate your child's ILD account.

This will mean that you will be able to see photos of your child's learning at school. It is a lovely way for parents to see what their child has been up to at school, and for parents to pop a message of any home learning to share with the classteacher.



INTERACTIVE
LEARNING DIARY

If a child is off school waiting for a Covid test, we will use ILD to share learning the child can do from home. If a bubble has to close, the teachers will upload learning for the children onto ILD.

So please ensure you download the app and log into your child's account next week.

On Monday morning, we will be asking parents to sign to allow group photos of their child to be shared on the ILD app, the wording will be:

I give permission for photos of my child, in a group activity to be uploaded to ILD to be shared with other parents of children in the photo.

Please ensure you sign up on Monday, so we can begin to share individual and group photos.

We are also attaching a **parent's guide** to the ILD with our email to enable you to get the best use of the diary.

Parent Consultation Evenings

During the week of 12th October we will be having our first parent consultation evenings. This will be either via zoom or the telephone. Next week we will send out information on how to book your slot.

Birth certificates

Please could all Reception and Nursery parents pop into the office with their child's birth certificate. We need to see this in order to ensure children's identity for our admissions records. Thank you.

Clothing

Please could you send children in with layers of clothing as the weather gets colder. We are trying to keep the rooms ventilated due to Covid and it would be easier if children can put on an extra layer. They also need a coat in school every day.

PE kits—please could Year 1 and Reception ensure their child now has a PE kit in school.

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Nursery Poppy and Daisy Classes

This week in Nursery we have been reading the story 'The Colour Monster'. We have enjoyed exploring mixing colours, talking about feelings and making our own colour monster pictures. We have also been busy drawing pictures of our families to display in our classroom. We have had lots of fun outside in the sand and exploring the climbing frame!



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YR Sunflower & Bellflower Classes

Reception have had a busy first full week at School. We have welcomed our Phonic Fairy who has began to teach us our phonics sounds, s,a,t,p. We have been looking at the Traditional Tale 'The Three Little Pigs' this week, we have been building houses, acting out the story and re-telling the story to our friend.

In Maths we have learnt the numbers 1 and 2 and have been exploring different ways of making these numbers. Reception have also had their first PE lessons where we independently got dressed! Please continue to help your child practise getting undressed and dressed at home as this will support your child at school. Have a great weekend and we will see you on Monday.

Miss Cooke and Miss Bailey



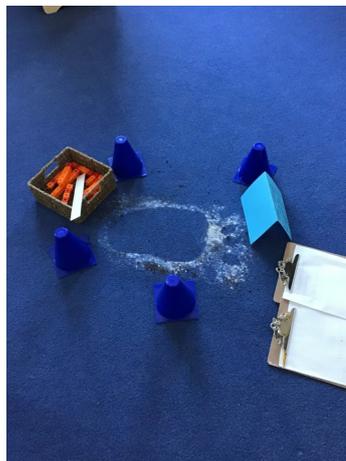
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Year 1 Tulip Class

Year 1 went on a Gruffalo Hunt earlier this week after finding mysterious footprints in the classroom! After finding a number of clues around the school, the children have written some excellent recounts about what they saw. The children are sure that there will be more visitors soon because a strange, tiny door has now appeared ... I wonder what it could be ...

They have also continued doing some excellent maths where they have been making numbers bigger by adding one more and by combining two amounts. We've also been labelling the different parts of plants such as the roots, stem, leaves and petals. There really has been some brilliant learning in Year 1 over the last few weeks. Well done!





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SUNRISE BREAKFAST CLUB

7:30am—8:50am £4 a session and includes breakfast

SUNSET AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Short session 3– until 4:30pm £6

Long session 3-6 includes a light tea £11





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School Diary

September

October

Week 5th Harvest festival donations
Week 12th Parent consultation evenings
19th Oct Individual photos
21st break up for half term
22nd – 30th October Half term holiday

November

2nd TD INSET DAY
3rd Children back to school
9th Anti bullying week
13th Children In Need
16th Online Safety week
24th Nov Flu vaccinations

December

11th Christmas Jumper Day
Week 14th Nativities?
18th Break up for holidays
231st Dec—5th January 2020 Christmas holiday

Reminder of future Teacher Training Days when the school is closed for the children:

- ↳ Monday 2nd November 2020
- ↳ Monday 4th January 2021
- ↳ Thursday 1st April 2021
- ↳ Monday 5th July 2021