

# NEWSLETTER



'Be kind, work hard and fly high.'

Friday 06.10.2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

The weeks are flying by – at Flying High – with lots of learning and engagement from our children. Last week we wished Miss Gerrard well as she began her maternity leave, we look forward to the arrival of her baby over the coming weeks. Please read on for the latest installment of my newsletter.

## Diary Dates – Including Holiday Dates 2023/2024

Diary Dates	
2023	
October	
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 to Magna, Rotherham
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 to Attenborough Nature Reserve
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Recycling Week
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 trip to Carsington Water
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Flu Vaccinations for children in F2 – Y6
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of the autumn 1 term
November	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	First day of the autumn 2 term
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Individual School Photos
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 trip to the Sea Life Centre - Birmingham
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery and Spitfires Class to Sherwood Forest
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 to Nottingham Castle
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Non-uniform for Children in Need
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Road Safety Week
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
December	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day / Christmas Dinner
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	4:00pm – 6:00pm Christmas Fair
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery and F2 at the Christmas Pantomime – Nottingham Playhouse
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1-6 at the Christmas Pantomime – Nottingham Playhouse
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3/4 Carol Service – 5:00pm
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5/6 Carol Service – 5:00pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Christmas Nativity 10:00am and 1:45pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	KS1 Christmas Nativity 1:45pm and 5:00pm

Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Non-uniform Day
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Last day of the autumn 2 term
<b>2024</b>	
<b>January</b>	
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY – School closed
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY – School closed
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	First day of the spring 1 term
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Hathersage Residential Parent Meeting: 5:00pm
<b>February</b>	
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	NSPCC Numbers Day
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Safer Internet Day
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Chinese New Year – themed lunch in school
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of the spring 1 term
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	First day of the spring 2 term
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	FLYING HIGH TRUST INSET DAY – School closed
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 depart for Hathersage residential
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SATs Parent Information Evening: 5:00pm
<b>March</b>	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	International Women’s Day
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Family High Tea Event
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	British Science Week
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Easter ‘Eggs’travaganza - 9:15am
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3/4 Assembly for Parents: 10:00am and 1:45pm
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Non-uniform Day
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of the spring 2 term
<b>April</b>	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	First day of the summer 1 term
<b>May</b>	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	BANK HOLIDAY – School closed
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Isle of Wight Residential Parent Meeting: 5:00pm
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 6 SATs Week begins</b>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>KS1 SATs Week begins</b>
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sports Day
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of the summer 1 term
<b>June</b>	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	First day of the summer 2 term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Year 4 Multiplication Check Week</b>
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Reserve Sports Day
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 1 Phonics Screen Week</b>
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Family Breakfast Event – 7:30am

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<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 6 depart for Isle of Wight residential
<b>July</b>	
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Reports to Parents
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Year 5/6 Production – 5:00pm
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 5/6 Production – 5:00pm
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Transition into new classes
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Last day of the summer 2 term

### Reading Mornings

These will begin to take place **week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023**, now the children are settled back in from the summer break. They will take place in the hall for Nursery and Foundation, and in the classrooms for Year 1 and Year 2. They will take place on the following days at the specified times:

Day	Time	Class	Location
Tuesday	8:45 – 9:00	Nursery	Hall
Wednesday	8:45 – 9:00	Foundation	Hall
Thursday	8:30 – 8:45	Year 1	Year 1 classroom
Friday	8:30 – 8:45	Year 2	Year 2 classroom

### MacMillan Coffee Morning

Well done and thank you for your contributions towards our coffee morning on Friday, we raised a whopping £432.82. A great fundraising day with lots and lots of cake!



### Parking

Sadly, we have had our first complaint of the year from a local resident about dangerous and inconsiderate parking at collection time. The incident we refer to involved a bus and a stream of cars parked on Shepherd Street - you may recall witnessing the incident.

Please can we again stress how important it is to park considerately and safely at both drop off and collection times. This is for the safety of all: our neighbours, pedestrians, and school community. Please do not park across driveways, on road junctions and block pavements with cars mounted on the path. We dread to think what might happen if one day a badly parked car became a danger for someone trying to either get home, or to school.

### Recycling Week – Green Day – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October

To raise awareness of recycling during this week we are hosting a 'Green Day' on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October**. Our Y6 Pupil Leadership Team, led by Mbetmi and Henry have planned an assembly to kick start the week, and as part of this day have organised for it to be a non-uniform day – where the children are asked to wear an item of green clothing. We look forward to this day and the assembly that the children are planning.



## The Importance of School Attendance



Our attendance drive continues this year, however there was a slight dip across most classes last week – which impacted on school attendance. Below is attendance for each class and overall, last week:

Class	Attendance last week
Spitfires – F2	92.9%
Lancaster – Year 1	96.7%
Hurricanes – Year 2	93.4%
Hunter – Year 3	98.0%
Harriers – Year 4	94.7%
Mosquito – Year 5	97.5%
Comet – Year 6	96.8%
Overall	96.0%



**Hunter Class – Year 3** are our attendance champions for this week – 98% attendance! Well done!

### Reporting an absence from school

If your child is unwell and must remain at home, please call the school office – 0115 7012020 – before 9am. If you leave a message on the ansaphone please give the reason for the absence and avoid “unwell” if possible.

If your child has an upset tummy, diarrhoea and /or sickness, Public Health England state that children remain at home for 48 hours following the last bout of illness. We strongly adhere to this regulation and ask that you support us with this to avoid the spreading of infection to children and staff alike.

If you are taking your child on holiday during term time, please collect a leave of absence form from the school office and return the completed form to school before taking the holiday.

### Drop in Coffee Mornings

Every half term we will be hosting a SEND drop in coffee morning in the school hall.

Everyone is welcome to attend, but please book in via the school office, so we are aware of numbers. This is an opportunity to ask any questions you have about your child/ren.

Our first coffee morning is on Friday 13th October between 9 & 10am with the family SENCO, ELSA lead and school SENCO. We hope to see you there.



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Let's continue to work together to support our children in all we do.

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Mr K Clowery