



Attendance: *All day, every day will take you all the way!*

Year 2 have won the best attending class award for this week, with 98.8 % attendance. Whole School attendance was 97.6% again beating our 97% challenge for the 3rd week. Whole school attendance for the year now stands at 96.8% and is just 0.2% below our target.

I have promised the whole school that if we can get above 97% and keep it there I will do the last celebration assembly of the half term dressed up in something very embarrassing! I will even share the pictures in the newsletter!

Punctuality - *Be in line by 10 to 9!*

Learning starts at 8.50am. Children who are late are missing valuable learning and are disrupting the learning of others. It is not fair on your child and on others if they are late.

This Week

Year 5/6 Mosque Visit

Year 5 and 6 visited Leeds Grand Mosque on Monday. Islam is a faith studied as part of RE in Upper Key Stage 2 and it was important that children had the opportunity of visiting Leeds Grand Mosque and finding out about this place of worship and about the Islamic faith first hand. One of the 4 British Values all children should know is tolerance and respect and our pupils were respectful and inquisitive and really enjoyed their trip.





Year 4 homework is explosive

Year 4 have been finding out about Volcanos as part of their 'Tremors' topic. These models were made at home as homework and are fantastic. Children are now making models in school and are thoroughly loving their topic.



Year 1 & 2 are medieval architects

Year 1 and 2 have been building their own towers as part of their topic on 'Towers, Turrets and Tunnels'. They have been using everyday classroom objects to find out which shapes and designs will work best.





Governors

This week Mary Tailby ends her role as Chair of Governors for Holy Trinity. She joined the governing body in 2014 and has given huge amounts of her time over the last 5 years ensuring that governance was strong. At our last inspection Leadership was graded as good and this is not possible without a good governor team. She has worked hard to ensure that governors have challenged and supported the school so that it has continued to improve. We would like to thank her for her dedication, time and compassion.

Keith Lynch also ends his term as Governor this week. As a former high school teacher he has brought a wealth of educational experience to the role. He leaves so that he can continue to enjoy his retirement.

Mark Wilkinson was the only nomination for parent governor in our recent recruitment drive and is therefore set to have his term of office extended. As a parent he is passionate about the academy and the work that we do.

After School Club

Mrs Jackson and Mrs Martin have decided to step down as managers of the before/after school club role but will be continuing as play leaders. They have ensured that the club is a successful and a happy place for children to attend but are finding that combining the manager role with the long days they do as support staff in school difficult.

We are keen to grow the club and are therefore advertising for a manager Mon-Fri 2-6pm and a Play Leader (mornings and after school). Further details about these roles can be found on the website and we would encourage you to share these details widely.

PTA

Following a huge wish list from School Council the PTA have increased their funding for playground equipment to £1500. Thank you!

Reading Challenge

We have an inter class competition for the number of minutes' pupils read each week. In KS2 after 6 days Year 6 are still in the lead but Year 5 are catching up fast. In KS1 Year 1/2 are currently leading the reading challenge.

Uniform

Please note that we will be checking uniform over the next week. We expect children to be wearing school shoes (or black boots as it is winter). Children may wear wellies on wet/snowy days but must have pumps in class to change into. Please also note that leggings are not school trousers. Thank you

Dates for your Diary:

Dates	Event
Weds 6 th – Fri 8 th February 2019	Y5 Residential to Nell Bank
Friday 15 th February 2019	Last Day of Term before holiday
Monday 25 th February 2019	Back to school after February holiday
Wednesday 20 th March 2019	Last swimming lesson for Year 4
Friday 29 th March 2019	Last Day of Term before Easter holiday
Monday 15 th April 2019	Back to school after Easter holiday
Friday 19 th April 2019	School Closed – Good Friday, Bank Holiday
Monday 22 nd April 2019	School Closed – Easter Monday, Bank Holiday
Monday 6 th May 2019	School Closed – May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 24 th May 2019	Last Day of Term before holiday
Monday 3 rd June 2019	Back to school after holiday

For absences please call on 0113 8591842. All absences must be reported by 9.20am.

We take safety very seriously at our school

If you have any concerns please contact Mr Foulke or Mrs Owen