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Note from the Head...

with a quieter week, the children have continued to explore their chosen areas of learning. Forest School continues to excite and develop pupils' social development, as well as their fine motor skills when

manipulating small objects and operating tools etc.

Year 6 spent yesterday at the racecourse using maths in context. Measuring furlongs, calculating the weights for riders, problem solving and

seeing how the races unfold. They have returned fired up about their days learning and eager to share.

With pupil places for September 2026 being discussed currently, should you know of anyone who is still looking for a place for their Reception aged child, we are holding an Open Evening event on **Monday 9th February 3:30pm – 5:00pm**, where prospective parents and children are welcome to come and meet the staff and see the school for themselves.

We currently have spaces in Year 1, Year 5 and Year 6 should anyone wish to consider a place at our school. Therefore, if you hear of people asking about school places, now is a great time to encourage them to enquire. Simply call the office and arrange an appointment to see the school at work during the school day.

We look forward to holding our third PINS coffee morning next **Thursday at 9:30am** for anyone who is interested in supporting peoples understanding of neurodiversity. We look forward to welcoming you.

Best Wishes

Graeme Wilson
Headteacher

Attendance

Attendance this week is **93.1%**, not our greatest week but with a sickness bug and cold making its way through the school, we thank everyone who helped with the 93.1%. We look forward to the better weather and everyone feel 100% again.

Stories by Fairy Lights –

Thursday 12th Feb

5:30 – 6:30pm

Pupils are invited to attend this magical story telling event. Lit up by fairy

lights, dressed in a onesie

and armed with their favourite teddy, the children will listen to stories and drink hot chocolate, sharing the wonder that only a good story can conjure.

The event can be booked on ParentMail for £1

donation to the PTA. We look forward to seeing you there.

(All children will enter school via the SOUTH STREET gate and meet in the school hall.)



School day & Timekeeping

Thank you to everyone who continues to achieve punctual and regular attendance.

For a minority of families we have noticed an increase in children not attending school

due to appointments. This results in children being collected early or arriving late in the morning. We understand that some medical appointments can only happen during the school day, however other appointments such as dentist and opticians are less urgent and can be accommodated after school, at weekends or during holiday periods. If you child has an

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appointment in the middle of the day, they are expected to attend school prior to the appointment, or return after the event. Thank you for your support on this matter.

The following information can put it into context:

The school day runs from 8.45am until 3.15pm, unless for **EXCEPTIONAL** circumstances according to the DfE guidelines, all children should be in school during those times. Arriving late & leaving early can have a significant impact on your child's learning

- 5 minutes every day adds up to over 3 days lost each year, = 20 lessons missed
- 15 minutes every day adds up to 2 weeks absence a year, = 55 lessons missed
- 30 minutes every day adds up to 19 days absence a year, = 123 lessons missed



Medals

- **George** in Pluto Class for showing self confidence in his own abilities! We love your can do attitude!
- **Elliot** in Mercury Class for independently segmenting and writing a sentence during phonics.
- **Dylan** in Earth Class for working hard and showing resilience when improving his handwriting. **Nicholas** in Venus Class for always taking such care in presenting his work!
- **Fynn** in Mars Class for reading with great expression during Guided Reading.
- **Daisy P** in Neptune Class for excellent focus in English lessons and working really hard to improve her handwriting.
- **Bertie** in Saturn Class for paying attention in our spelling lessons and consequently displaying accurately spelt words on your whiteboard.
- **Kiro** in Jupiter Class for being a really helpful member of the class and for having such a positive attitude this week! Really proud of you!

- **Coco** in Sun Class for being really inspired by our non-fiction book about Amanda Gorman.
- **Ralphy** in Moon Class for challenging himself and being resilient when working out more complex multiplication questions.
- **Jack V** in Apollo Class for resilience, effort and a great attitude to learning.
- **Isla** in Asteroid Class for creating an outstanding animal mask as part of her take home task.
- **Amelia** in Galaxy Class for the great care and huge pride you take with every single piece of work you do across the curriculum. Your books are a joy to open and this reflects the respect you have for yourself and for school.
- **Zach** in Milky Way Class for his tennis skills and teamwork in PE.

PARTNERSHIPS FOR INCLUSION OF NEURODIVERSITY IN SCHOOLS

We are delighted to share our parent group which is part of the Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) project.

This group is a friendly place to come and meet other parents in your school who also have children with additional needs (your child doesn't need a diagnosis to attend).

We will be joined by reps from Somerset Parent Carer Forum. We hope that these groups will be a place to meet other parents and share experiences.

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Thursday 5th February
9:30 to 11:00

Parent Coffee Session

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