

World Book Day

On Thursday 5th March we will be celebrating World Book Day. This year's theme is Share a Million Stories and the children are invited to each bring their favourite story to share with their classmates.



Tea with Mum

This year, we are celebrating Mother's Day by inviting our mums to come to tea with us. This is an valuable opportunity for our children to spend time with their mum and to thank them for all they do.



Look out for the flyer coming home soon with full details!

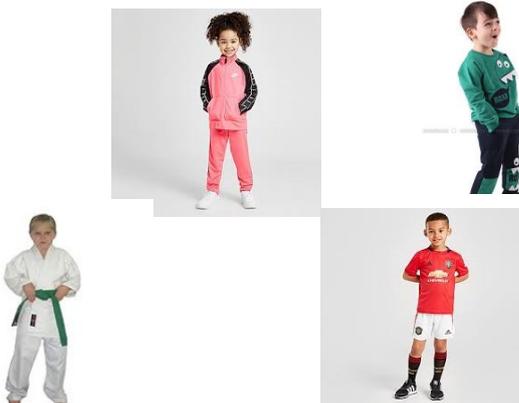
Sport Relief



On Friday 13th March we will be joining in the fundraising for Sport Relief Day. For a £1 donation children are invited to come to school dressed in their sportswear or dressed as their favourite sporting personality.

Each class will take part in Sporting activities during the day.

All proceeds will be sent to Sport Relief.



Pupil Absence

Please remember to contact school on the first day of your child's absence by 9.00am to advise us of the reason. We also ask that you update us on your child's progress every 3 days. If we do not hear from you, we will try to contact you by phone to establish the reason for your child's absence. If we cannot make contact with you we will proceed to telephone every person we have on record as a contact for your child, whenever a child is absent without explanation. If we are still unable to make contact, a text will be sent and we ask that you respond to this as soon as possible. If we have been unable to make contact within 3 days, a referral to Education Welfare may be made, followed by a home visit. I am sure you will agree that our children's safety and wellbeing is of paramount importance, therefore, it is vital that we work together to ensure this. If you wish to check the contact numbers we hold on record for your child, please speak to the school office.



E-Safety tip of the month

Whether you're an online expert or you're not sure where to start, here are 4 key tips to help you:



- Explore the online world together.
- Talk to your child about staying safe online.
- Manage the software and tools your family use.
- Agree rules about what's okay and what's not.

Reading

Did you know that Mrs Casey gives prizes to those children who read 5 times a week? If your child reads at home and has their reading diary signed on 5 different days, they will receive class Dojo's. Mrs Casey also hands out special prizes on random Fridays. Please support your child with their reading to help them achieve a special prize.



We have noticed that a few of our children are either arriving in school on their own, or with a primary aged sibling. We ask that you ensure your child is accompanied to and from school by someone who is over 16 years of age and that they are named on your child's list of who can collect – we cannot allow children go home with someone who is not on the list or where no prior notification has been given. Please remember to inform school whenever you make alternative arrangements, including the name of the person who will be collecting your child. Further useful guidance on children walking to school independently or being left at home alone can be found at www.nspcc.org.uk



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Attendance

Overall attendance from 3rd September 2019 to date: **93.97%**. The School target is: 96%

The attendance for each class for February:

RER	92.50%
RGC	94.46%
Y1MB	95.67%
Y1NP	92.67%
Y2AB	96.89%
Y2AS	90.15%

Holidays During Term Time

As the summer approaches, please may we remind you that the law does not allow head teachers to authorise holidays during term time.



From January 2018, Staffordshire County Council made changes to their previous guidance to schools, parents and carers regarding absence from school. Full details of changes are available from the school office.

Parents who choose to take their children on holiday during term time may face a fine for doing so.

Diary Dates

Monday 2nd March
Nursery applications close

Thursday 5th March
World Book Day

Friday 13th March
Sports Relief 

Friday 20th March
Mother's Day events

Friday 3rd April
Reports go home

Monday 6th April to Friday 17th April
Easter Holiday 

Thursday 16th April
National Offer Day for Reception and Junior places

Monday 20th April
School re-opens 

Friday 8th May
Bank Holiday

Friday 22nd May
INSET Day

Monday 25th to Friday 29th May
Half-term holiday

Monday 1st June
School re-opens

Thursday 25th June
Olympic Dance Workshop 

Monday 13th July
Year Two visit to Conkers

Friday 17th July
Last day of term



Monday 20th July
INSET Day