



PCSO Pete visiting children in Reception.



Children taking part in fencing lessons this half term.

Home reading

Well done to all of the children who achieved their home reading target last half term. It has been lovely to see so many children doing so well with their reading and the number of children who are reading more than five times in a week continues to increase! We hope to see even more children achieving their target at the end of this half term. Remember to read a minimum of three times each week.

A reminder that children in Key Stage 2 will continue with the same reading target this half term using our new Accelerated Reader scheme. We will also be checking the number of quizzes that the children are taking and the number of pages read to ensure that children are completing a book every couple of weeks depending on the length of the book.

As we have all year, we will also be encouraging children to read other types of texts such as poems, magazines and instructions. If your child reads one of these texts as well as their weekly reading, please record in their reading record to share with the class teacher.

Extreme reading

Thank you to all of the children who brought in photographs of their extreme reading. We will be displaying all of the photographs in the library for everyone to enjoy. Our winner was pictured reading at the top of Blackpool Tower!



Many thanks for your continued support. Mrs Massey – English Leader



Year 5 Viking Visit

On Tuesday 4th June, Year 5 will be visited by a Viking who will spend the morning teaching the children all about life in Viking times. The morning will include lots of role play, learning Viking chants and using their historical enquiry skills to find out about different Viking objects.

We will be asking for a contribution of £2 towards the morning which can be paid via Parent Pay. If we do not receive enough contributions, then we will have to cancel the visitor.

This half term we are focusing on the value of 'Trust' which of course links very closely with our values of respect and honesty. Trust is a really important value. It must be earned. If we do not trust someone it is very hard to build a good friendship with them. Please talk together about:

- people who you know that are trustworthy
- practical ways that we can show others that we are trustworthy
- why it is important to be able to trust others when working together as a team



Definition: The firm belief in the reliability, truth, or ability of someone or something.

Related Words or Phrases:
 accept respect acknowledge
 honest understand recognise

Polling Station – European Elections on Thursday 23rd May 2019

As you are aware, the school is being used as a Polling Station for the European elections on Thursday 23rd May 2019. We are opening as normal but are making a few changes to the normal procedures in school to ensure the safety of all children.

Entry to School will be through the **infant gate only** and all children will enter the building via the infant corridor as soon as they arrive at school. Staff will be on hand to direct children who come to school on their own. If your child is late, they must enter the building via the school office as normal.

Breakfast Club will take place in the Year 6 classroom. Entry through the Y6 external classroom door at the front of school.



End of the school day

Y1, 2, 5 and 6 will exit from their normal classroom doors. Children in Y3 and 4 will exit via the school hall so children will need to collect children from the hall fire exit doors. Children will remain with class teachers until a parent collects them so children are not wandering outside the building.

Teddy Bears Picnic Themed Lunch

Next Thursday 16th May, we will be organising a Teddy Bears Picnic Themed Lunch. Children who sign up for a school dinner will be allowed to bring in a small teddy bear from home which they can have with them when eating. Weather permitting, we will eat our lunch on the field!

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are automatically entitled to a free school meal and do not have to sign up in advance. They will choose their dinner option in class on Thursday 16th.

Children in KS2 need to complete the order form sent home today, return to school and pay using Parent Pay.



Diary Dates

Mon 13th May	Y6 SATs start until Thurs 16 th May – mornings only
Thurs 16th May	Parents' meeting for children starting Reception in September 2019 5-6pm
Thurs 16th May	PSA meeting – Summer Fair planning 6-7pm
Fri 17th May	Group of Y3 children ghyll scrambling. Depart 9am and return 4:15pm
Mon 20th May	Y2 SATs start until Fri 24 th May – mornings only
Wed 22nd May	Reception vision screening
Wed 22nd May	Y3 & 4 residential to Wastwater (Wed 22 nd → Fri 24 th). Mr Houghton teaching children not attending the residential in a mixed class.
Thurs 23rd May	European Elections – school used as a polling station but open to all children
Fri 24th May	School closes for May Half Term and reopens Mon 3 rd June.
Fri 7th June	Sports Day: KS2 morning and KS1 afternoon