



Dear Parents,

We hope you have all enjoyed the bank holiday weekends this term! The weather has finally improved and it's lovely to see the sun shining at last.

Attendance to date stands at 96.18% which is still above the national average which is great, thank you for supporting getting children in school and not booking time out during the school term. Punctuality is also much improved too. Thank you for recognising the importance of getting your child here promptly.

I hope you enjoy reading the following information about what has been happening in school and classes. Remember if you have any concerns or worries please do let us know.

Tree Planting Ceremony

We had a Tree Planting Ceremony for our long standing school governor Richard Drake who sadly passed away. It was a lovely afternoon and the children all behaved very respectfully. His family really appreciated all the children's singing and our celebration of everything he has done for the children and the school in his time here.



Coronation open afternoon



We hope you all enjoyed our open afternoon celebrating the coronation of King Charles III, even though we couldn't celebrate outside as planned. The afternoon went really well and it was lovely to see so many of you join us. We apologise it was all a bit of a squash getting you all in!



Reception/Nursery 2023

Welcome to Reception



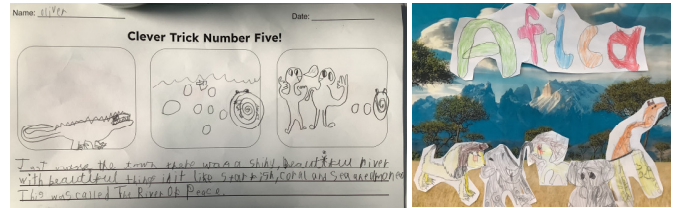
We are looking forward to welcoming our new children starting school in September. We do still have some spaces left in Reception and Nursery so if you, or someone you know, is looking for a place please ask them to give us a call on 01604 890788. Thank you.



Class 1...have had a very exciting trip to West Lodge Farm. They had great fun feeding the animals and going on the barrel ride.



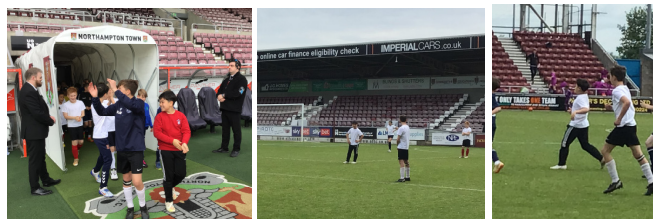
Class 2...have been learning about crocodiles, making 2d and 3d shapes. They have also been looking at Africa.



Class 3...have been learning how to play the samba drums and working on light and shadows. They are also studying the lifestyle and legacy of the Romans and have been on their school trip to Chester House to support this.



Class 4...well done to Year 6 children for coping excellently with completing the SATs papers. Children have also had the opportunity of taking part in the NTFC Football tournament. We were able to take 2 teams and the children were great! A thank you to all the children who have taken part in planning and leading worship for the rest of the school - well done.



Dates for your diary



Monday 5th June - Back to school
Monday 5th June - Class 3 morning swimming session begins for 7 weeks
Wednesday 7th June - last gardening club for class 3 group: The Beetroot Squad
Wednesday 7th June - Class 1 visit to look at the garden in Little Houghton House
Thursday 8th June - Class 2 trip to Salcey Forest
Thursday 8th June - Class 3 visit to look at the garden in Little Houghton House
Wednesday 14th June - Class 4 to start gardening club until the end of term - group details to follow
Thursday 15th June - New parents meeting at 6pm
Friday 23rd June - Class group photographs
Wednesday 28th June - Class 4 Cricket Festival after school at Wollaston School
Friday 30th June - Class 1 and 2 trip to the Derngate Theatre to see 'Zog'
Monday 3rd July - Children will be spending time in their new classes before September
Wednesday 5th July - new reception and nursery children and parents to spend time in class 1 9-10am.
Thursday 6th July - STEM Festival year 5 - details to follow
Tuesday 11th July - Science Day
Wednesday 12th July - new reception and nursery children to spend time in class 1, parents to enjoy tea/coffee in the library 9-10am
Wednesday 12th July - Sports Day starting from 1.30pm
Thursday 13th July - School reports
Friday 14th July - Class 4 trip to Hunstanton
Monday 17th July - Optional parents evening for report follow up
Wednesday 19th July - Year 6 leavers assembly at 2.30pm, all parents, family and friends of year 6 children are welcome to come along.
Thursday 20th July - Leaving assembly for Mrs Shanks, parents are welcome to join us to say goodbye
Thursday 20th July - Year 6 Leavers Disco
Friday 21st July - Leavers Service in Church at 10am
Friday 21st July - Last day of term

Class 3 have had a great time in the gardening club, it's class 4's turn next! Look out for produce that will be on sale at the end of next term, this is a great way of raising funds for future plans in the garden area.



Our School Council have been having meetings throughout the school year, these are just **some** of the ideas they have come up with to help make our school better!

- Regular class/pupil litter picks
- Non-contact rugby sessions
- New goals on field
- Tennis court markings
- Swimming pool
- School football teams across the school
- Golf area
- Ball-free zones
- More mufti opportunities - donation to charities

Watch this space!

New Fence installation - Our new fence is now finished and provides extra security for the school.

Goodbye to Reverend Eddie this term, we wish him all the best as he moves to a new parish and thank him for his contribution in supporting the school, in his role as Reverend and as a School Governor.

Have a lovely half term week.

Kind regards

Carolyn Fairbrother