



Dear Parents,

It's been a very short but busy term, please read on for all our news and photos showing what has been happening in school and out of school, we have packed in a lot of fun and great learning.



Attendance - stands at **96.2%** which is above the national average, **thank you** to all the parents that support getting their children into school and not booking any holidays/medical appointments in term time. Please could I remind you that **lessons start at 8.45am**. Those children arriving after this time are missing essential learning.

A big shout out to all our volunteers who help in school, thank you to; Mrs Davis, Ruth and Masa for helping in Prayer Space, Mr Clark, Mrs Lupton and Mrs Henman who listen to children read and Ralph, Emma, Lisa for running our class 3 gardening club. If any parents would like to volunteer in our school library, please let us know.

Comic Relief - Thank you for all your kind donations, we raised an amazing **£192!**

Celebrating World Book Day

All the children (and staff!) came to school in their pyjamas with their favourite bedtime reading book.



Class 3 Dodgeball

Well done to Florence, Aurora, Florence, Kayleigh-Ann, Amelia, Leo, Zac, Taylen, Arlo, Henry and Oliver. It was all a bit hectic in the village hall but they all enjoyed it and showed great teamwork.



Making Me Workshop with Key Stage 2 children

Children worked with Anna, a representative from Making Me, on their 'Superpower of Resilience' and working on positive thoughts to help them in challenging situations.



Class 2 School trip to Rockingham Castle

The children were given a thorough tour of the inside of the castle and climbed the tower to look out for approaching armies. They enjoyed spotting some of the castle features they've been learning about. As the children approached in the coach there were many cries of 'arrow loops!' We also saw the towers, battlements and dungeon. Our guide said that our children were a very well behaved and knowledgeable group, which shows how well the children are learning the curriculum.



Dates for your diary



Monday 15th April - Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 16th April - Back to school
Friday 19th April - Mufti day for **Holdenby House**
Wednesday 24th April - Class 3 Hockey Tournament at Wollaston School
Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday
Monday 13th - Thursday 16th May - Year 6 SATS week
Thursday 16th May - Class 1 school trip to Woburn Safari Park
Friday 24th May - Last day of term
Monday 3rd June - Back to School

Please don't forget to order your hot dinners by Wednesday 10th April for the new term!

House Award - Well done to all members of **Holdenby House**, you were our winning house this term and have earned a mufti day on Friday 19th April as a reward.



Class 3 Ukulele Performance

We all enjoyed watching the children playing the ukulele. They did so well. Mr Dicken from NMPAT commented on how engaged all of the children were, so much so that they advanced to the higher level! How fantastic that everyone has learned to play music on an instrument!



PGL Residential Trip

All the children had a great time as always in Osmington Bay! We hope that parents looking at the photographs realise what a valuable and enriching experience this trip is for the children. It is such a great confidence builder being away from home and doing lots of exciting activities that they have never done before! Here are just a small selection of photos out of 100's from our trip, showing great outdoor and adventurous learning.



Goodbye Mrs Barnes!

It really is the end of an era saying goodbye to Mrs Barnes! She has given so much to the school and we will all miss her a great deal. We wish her all the best for the future. It was lovely to see so many parents, ex members of staff and ex pupils here to give her a great send off. Good luck Mrs Barnes!



Easter Service in Church March 2024

Thank you to Rev Irene for a lovely service in church. All the children took turns in presenting songs, poems and performing sign language.



Thank you to all the parents who joined us in Church today. Have a lovely Easter break.

Kind regards, *Carolyn Fairbrother*