



Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the Spring term. I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas break.

We welcomed two new members of staff this term. Miss Carty is our new teacher for Otter class and Mrs Mansfield has joined us in a TA role. As our regular supply teacher, Mr Parsons, has found a permanent position, we have two new supply teachers working with us. Mrs Gillings is covering Mrs Shingfield for one day a week and Mr Burman is covering Miss Arundel for one day a week. We also have a supply TA, Mr Stigwood, who is working in Badger class.

We look forward to a busy term ahead!

Hava a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Miss Milne

Head of School

### Termly Overviews

Each year group has produced a half-termly overview which shows what your child will be learning this term. They have been emailed to parents and will also be on the school website. We hope parents find these useful and informative.

#### Friends Committee – dates for your diary

Thank you to the Friends Committee for organising the following events:

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Bingo** (adults only)

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Easter disco** (Please note the date change – it was originally the 15<sup>th</sup> but has now changed to the 8<sup>th</sup>).

Flyers for the bingo night and disco, with full details, have been emailed with this newsletter.

Paper copies will be given to the children to bring home as there are forms to complete.

#### Break-time snack and water bottle

Children in Key Stage 1 are provided with a piece of fruit to have at breaktime. Children in Key Stage 2 can bring in fruit for their playtime snack. All children should have a water bottle which can be refilled with water throughout the day. This should be filled with water (no squash or fizzy drinks please) before coming to school. Energy drinks and Prime are not allowed in school.

#### Donations of board games/toys

Do you have any complete board games or toys (in good condition) that your child no longer needs? If so, any donations would be gratefully received as these could be used when it's indoor play.

### **Sports News**

On Thursday, 10 Sports Captains travelled to UEA to undertake leadership training. They completed leadership challenges, practised playground games, learnt how to structure a tasks and even led other children in activities as well. The children's favourite activity was discovering how clear communication is important when setting tasks and this was shown during the Chinese Whisper game- the final revealed answer was very amusing! The children were a credit to the school and returned to school enthused on how they could implement all their new ideas for Sports Leadership. I was extremely proud of them!

**Mrs Williams**

**PE Lead**

### **Gold Awards**

Every week, during Friday celebration assembly, a Gold Award is presented to children who have shown excellent behaviour or have produced excellent work. Congratulations to the following children who received a Gold Award this Friday:

**Teddy, Finn, Isabella W, Leo, Joshith, Marnie, Kate, Charlie, Isabella P, Amelia, Jenson, Thomas, Max and Ruby**

### **Top Table Awards**

Each week, the MSAs choose one child who has shown excellent behaviour to have lunch at the special Top Table. Congratulations to this week's Top Table children:

**Reception: Freddie**

**Yr 1: Ivie**

**Yr 2: Sienna**

**Yr 3: Kristian**

**Yr 4: Charmy**

**Yr 5: Ellis**

**Yr 6: Tyler**

## Attendance

<b>Reception</b> <i>Caterpillar</i>	<b>Year 1</b> <i>Red Squirrel</i>	<b>Year 2</b> <i>Ladybirds</i>	<b>Year 3</b> <i>Fox</i>	<b>Year 4</b> <i>Red Deer</i>	<b>Year 5</b> <i>Barn Owl</i>	<b>Year 6</b> <i>Seal</i>
<b>91.1%</b>	<b>94.0%</b>	<b>93.7%</b>	<b>93.0%</b>	<b>96.8%</b>	<b>94.0%</b>	<b>94.4%</b>
<b>Reception</b> <i>Dragonfly</i>	<b>Year 1</b> <i>Hedgehog</i>	<b>Year 2</b> <i>Bumblebees</i>	<b>Year 3</b> <i>Badger</i>	<b>Year 4</b> <i>Kingfisher</i>	<b>Year 5</b> <i>Otter</i>	<b>Year 6</b> <i>Heron</i>
<b>97.0%</b>	<b>99.2%</b>	<b>94.5%</b>	<b>97.0%</b>	<b>98.4%</b>	<b>95.8%</b>	<b>98.2%</b>

Our attendance target is 97%. A reminder that the gates open at 8.40am and close at 8.50am. Children who arrive after 8.50am need to go through the office and will be marked as late.

If your child is absent from school, please let the school office know as soon as possible on the morning of the absence. If we do not hear from parents by 9.20am, we will start our first day calling procedures.

**Every Day  
Counts**

**Missed minutes** =

**missed learning** =

**missed opportunities**

**Guidance for  
Parents / Carers**

Good attendance at school is one of the most important factors in ensuring that children and young people have the best opportunities in adult life.

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County Council

### House Points

<b>EARTH</b>	<b>AIR</b>	<b>FIRE</b>	<b>WATER</b>
433	500	462	473

The house with the most points wins an end of term treat as a reward

### Key Dates

Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Science Workshops in school delivered by Cambridge Science Centre Girls' football competition
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Virtual Premier Archery Competition (hall) Year 4 to Yr 6
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Sports Leader training (Yr 5/6)
27 <sup>th</sup> January – 4 <sup>th</sup> February	National story-telling week
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Olly Day Roadshow – Road Safety
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	How Hill Information Meeting
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Week beginning 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week
Week beginning 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day – Comic Relief

### TERM DATES

#### Spring Term

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Half-term holiday: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**Easter Holiday: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

#### Summer Term

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May (*Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May is a Bank Holiday*)

**Half-term holiday: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024