



## Information and Achievement Newsletter

The weeks are going past so fast and I can't believe that we are already 4 weeks into the Spring Term and only have another 2 until February half term. The year 2's were very excited to participate in a Glow Dance workshop, Eco-Council and the School Council have started their regular meetings and Laurel attended a PE trip at JFK School. Over the rest of this term we have even more to look forward to, such as a Jungle Book Theatre Production, Mental Health Week, World Book Day, Parent Consultations, more PE trips for various classes and much more. Hopefully the weather will start to improve and will allow us to start spending more time outside.

Yours sincerely, Mrs Green, Headteacher



### Reading Mornings

Reception reading mornings have been very successful and it's been lovely to see the children read with their families. Reception hold their reading mornings every Tuesday from drop off time for around 15 minutes. If parents are unable to attend, grandparents, family or other close friends are more than welcome to come along. KS1 have also been doing reading mornings which have had a great response. These are held every 2 weeks. Chestnut's reading morning was today (01/02) and next will be held on 15/02, Sycamore's is tomorrow 02/02 and Birch is on 08/02. We look forward to seeing parents at these events.



### M+M Jungle Book Production

On the afternoon of Friday 2 February, we are excited to have M+M productions in to perform the 'Jungle Book' to the school. The PTA have very kindly arranged and paid for this theatre company. I'm sure it will be thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thank you PTA!

### Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations are on Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 March. Please note bookings will open on Arbor on Tuesday 27 February. Redwood are having their consultations on Tuesday 12 and Thursday 14 March. Reception and Nursery's to be

### Attendance Cup

15/01-19/01 – Maple 98.1%  
22/01-26/01 – Willow 97.1%



### Headteacher Awards

22/01 – Chestnut – Lorenzo and Alfie for huge reading progress in one term!  
- Redwood – Michal for the best music work about Bacharach Anorak!



### Mental Health Week – Monday 5 February – Friday 9 February 2024

Our focus for Mental Health Week is 'My Voice Matters'. As you're aware there is a non-uniform day on Friday 9 February where children can 'dress to express'. In addition to this, classes will be completing a 'what matters to you activity'. We look forward to seeing their creations! If you have any concerns regarding your child's mental health or would like to start session with the Dacorum Mental Health Support Team, please get in touch with Miss Rumph.



### Medicine in School

A med 1 form must be completed by the child's parent to provide instruction and permission when a child is prescribed any medication. This includes inhalers, epi-pens, etc. The school is only able to accept medicine that is required 4 times a day, as medicine that is only needed 3 times a day can be managed at home or a parent is welcome to come up to the school and give the medicine themselves. All medicine must be provided in the original packaging and have the label on from the pharmacy. Please do not send children into school with throat sweets or calpol sachets. Medicine such as calpol and prition can only be accepted if agreed on a care plan completed by the parent and headteacher. If you would like any further information on Medicine in school, please see our policy on the school website.

### Online Safety

As a school we continue to work with children and parents to promote online safety and prevent cyber bullying. Despite this, it is a parent's responsibility to monitor children's online activity at home and ensure only age appropriate platforms are being accessed. If you would like any further support, please contact us.

### Mobile Phones

Year 6 children are only allowed to bring mobile phones to school if they walk to and/or from school by themselves. Mobiles must be switched off when on the premises and handed into the class teacher to securely store. If children in year 5 have permission to walk to and from school, and bring a mobile, please inform the school office. The same rules must be followed, as stated above.

### Upcoming events

05/02 – Children's Mental Health Week

08/02 + 15/02 – Nursery Visits

09/02 – Dress to Express non-uniform day

19/02 – 23/02 February Half term

26/02 – Children return to school

27/02 – Parent Consultations Bookings open

29/02 – Birch at the Sports Centre

05/03 – Year 5 parent's residential trip meeting at 3pm

08/03 – Reception's Mother's Day Breakfast

12/03 – Sycamore PE trip at JFK

12/03 – Redwood's Parent Consultations

13/03 + 14/03 – Parent Consultations

18/03 – Willow PE trip at Longdean

20/03 – Travelling Book Fair

25/03 – Nursery Applications close

28/03 – School Closes at 1:30pm for Easter holidays

15/04 – Children return to school