



Newsletter 19
2nd February 2024

'Let us love one another, for love comes from God'
1 John 4:7



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

The School Council have been asking their classes what they like about the new playground zones.

Giraffes - The art zone is peaceful. We like the adventure play and the sports zone.

Dolphins - We have more choices about what to play. People are having lots of fun.

Pandas - We like the way that the sports zone changes each week. There is more equipment to play with.

Snow Leopards - We get to find new friends in the zones. There's more for us to do.

The School Council will look at the ideas for improvements in the next meeting and see what we can do to make play times even better.

The Worship Team met this week to choose a new song to learn in worship. They listened to a selection of songs and then took a vote to see which was the favourite. They chose 'Speak Your Name' by Nick and Becky Drake.

I spent time this week looking at phonics and reading across the school. I was particularly impressed with the children's enthusiasm for reading and their knowledge of different authors. They also talked fondly about the books that have inspired them in class. Dolphins have loved learning about Sir David Attenborough through the Little People, Big Dreams book about him.

Best wishes

Miss Michelle Prince
Headteacher

Half Term Value - Perseverance

Last week we thought about how life can be a bit like a race. This week, we thought of it as a journey.

A journey can sometimes take longer than a race, but it can be just as challenging. Sometimes the route can be easy, the weather is fine and sunny, there are lovely views and we reach our destination with no trouble at all. At other times the route can be difficult, the weather might be stormy, we can't see very far and we need lots of **perseverance** to reach our destinations.

"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13



Class Worship

Dolphins Class Worship for parents will take place in the school hall on **Wednesday 7th February at 9:00am**. Please ensure you have checked the dates below to check when your child's class worship will take place. Elephants class worship will be in the summer term, date to be confirmed.



Cake Sale and Pre-loved Uniform Sale

The Friends of St John's will be holding a Cake Sale on Friday 9th February at 3.15pm in the school hall to raise funds for the school. All items will be priced at 50p. Please remember it's CASH ONLY. We are kindly asking the parents/carers of the Dolphins and Snow Leopards classes to contribute this time.

Please could you bring your shop bought or home baked cupcakes, biscuits, cookies, brownies etc to school on the morning of Friday 9th February, there will be a trolley outside to leave them in.

Thank you so much for your support! (Please remember NO NUTS)

There will also be a pre-loved uniform sale at the same time - all items 50p or £1.

Lost Property

We have a big collection of lost property! Please ensure that you have looked through this and claimed your child's belongings. This is available to look through at the start and end of every day in front of the school.

We will be getting rid of anything that is left in the box on Friday 9th February.

Parents Consultations

Parents Consultations will take place on Tuesday 27th February and Wednesday 28th February 3:30pm - 6:30pm.

The meetings will take place at School in your child's classroom. Appointments should be made through Parentmail and the bookings will go live at 4:00pm on Tuesday 6th February.

Attendance



Well done Snow Leopards!



Class Weekly Attendance

for Week beginning 22 January 2024

Elephants	95.4%
Giraffes	92.7%
Dolphins	92%
Pandas	90.4%
Snow Leopards	97.7%
Whole School	93.7%

Dates for your diary

Friday 2nd February

School Disco

Tuesday 6th February

Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 7th February 9:00am

Dolphins Class Worship for parents

Friday 9th February

Cake and Pre-loved Uniform Sale

Monday 12th - Friday 16th February - Half Term Break

Monday 19th February - INSET Day

Tuesday 20th February

Dentist Talk for Y1 and Y2

Tuesday 27th February

Dentist Talk for YR

Parents Consultations 3:30pm-6:30pm

Wednesday 28th February 9:00am

Pandas Class Worship for parents

Parents Consultations 3:30pm-6:30pm

Tuesday 5th March 9:00am

Giraffes Class Worship for parents

Wednesday 6th March

Snow Leopards Trip - Marwell Zoo

Thursday 7th March

World Book Day

Tuesday 12th March

Experience Easter at the Minster for Year 3

Wednesday 13th March 9:00am

Snow Leopards Class Worship for parents

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