



Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term. It has been great being back and seeing the fantastic work the teachers have planned for this busy half term and the learning which the children have already achieved in the first two weeks.

It has been great to see so many families attending our reading sessions with their children throughout the week to celebrating reading. The children have really enjoyed having this opportunity to share their love of reading. Thank you to all our families who attended.

We will also be supporting Red Nose Day, where we will have a 'dress in red day' on Friday 15th March with all money being raised going to Comic Relief.

Keep your eyes open too for our up and coming Easter Raffle...there will be many chances to win one of the many Easter Eggs.

I hope you all have a great weekend and we will see you all on Monday.

Catherine Skinn, Principal

Attendance Matters

Here are our attendance figures for last week. Our whole school attendance target this year is 96% our whole school attendance currently stands at 93.9%. Thank you for helping us to reach our target by ensuring that you are in school everyday

Class	Current Attendance
1	93.0%
2	90.0%
3	95.0%
4	93.0%
5	93.0%
6	95.0%
7	94.0%
8	94.0%
9	92.0%
10	94.0%
11	95.0%
12	96.0%
13	96.0%
14	94.0%

School Matters!



Top Tips for developing talk



Talk is important for children because it helps them:-

Express themselves, which makes them more confident as people

Collaborate effectively, which aids better collaboration, where children can form bonds, work in harmony, and resolve conflicts



Process their learning, which helps students integrate information into personal knowledge

Information about Measles

Measles is a serious illness that is highly infectious. To be protected from measles and other infections including mumps and rubella, you need to be immunised with 2 doses of MMR vaccine.

Remember, it is never too late to get protected against measles.

MEASLES
Protect yourself, protect others

MMR vaccination
It's not just for children

- Low levels of immunisation uptake in the past have led to a significant increase in the number of individuals not protected against measles. And the more people that are not protected, the more rapidly measles will spread.
- Measles is caused by a very infectious virus causing a rash and high fever and can be very serious. The illness can be more severe in adults and can last for longer. Someone with measles usually has to spend about five days in bed and be off school or work for ten days. Adults are also more susceptible to complications.
- Complications of measles can include ear and chest infections, fits, diarrhoea, encephalitis (infection of the brain), and brain damage. About one in 3000 individuals is likely to die. There have been four deaths in the UK since 2006.
- Measles is highly infectious – a cough or a sneeze can spread the measles virus over a wide area. If you come into contact with it and are not protected, the chances are that you will be infected.
- You are at greatest risk if you have not been immunised with two doses of MMR vaccine.
- If you have missed one or both of your MMR vaccinations contact your GP surgery to arrange an appointment. For more information please visit www.nhs.uk/measles or www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine.
- By getting immunised you will not only be protecting yourself but also those people, especially children, who cannot have MMR because they have illnesses such as leukaemia. They are protected if enough of the population is vaccinated so measles is eliminated.
- If you can't remember if you've had both MMR vaccinations, it's better to book an appointment to have MMR vaccine because extra doses pose no health risk. If you need two doses, they should be given one month apart.
- The MMR vaccine may cause side effects for up to six weeks after the immunisation. The symptoms are similar to those caused by the diseases but are extremely mild and harmless and are not contagious. Speak to your nurse or doctor if you are at all concerned. If you are having treatment for a serious condition such as a transplant or cancer, or you have a condition that affects your immune system such as HIV get advice from your nurse or doctor.
- In the UK we have two MMR vaccines. Both of the vaccines work very well, one contains porcine gelatine and the other doesn't. If you want your child to have the porcine gelatine free vaccine, talk to your practice nurse or GP.
- If you care for other people or young children as part of your work, it's particularly important that you are fully immunised with MMR. Passing on measles to children who are too young to have MMR vaccine or to someone who is already ill, can have very serious consequences for their health.

Term Dates:

The last day of Term is **Thursday 28th March 2024** and we return on **Monday 15th April 2024**

Bank Holiday: **Monday 6th May 2024**

The next INSET Day is :
Monday 3rd June 2024