

April 2024

# Headteacher's Monthly Newsletter



## Dates for your diaries

- 6.5.24 – School closed –Early May Bank Holiday
- 7.5.24 – Year 4 and 5 trip to St Catherines Church
- 8.5.24 – School Lunch Tasting Session – 3pm
- 13.5.24 – Year 6 SATS tests begin
- 20.5.24 – Bags2school collection
- Week beginning 20.5.24 – Fairtrade Week
- 21.5.24 – KS1 Cross Country event
- 24.5.24 – PTA Break The Rules day / school closes for Whitsun break
- 10.6.24 – School reopens for final half term of the school year
- Week beginning 10.6.24 – Year 1 children take Phonics Screening Test
- Week beginning 17.6.24 – Refugee Week
- 19.6.24 – Year 5 & 6 Girls Euros Championships event
- 21.6.24 – Year 6 residential to PGL Paris
- Week beginning 24.6.24 – Scholastic Book Fair
- 19.6.24 – Year 3 & 4 Euros 6 a side football event
- 4.7.24 – Year 6 transition day
- 6.7.24 – PTA Summer Fair
- Week beginning 8.7.24 – End of year class assemblies
- 12.7.24 – Outwood's One World Day
- Week beginning 15.7.24 – Transition week
- 17.7.24 – Year 6 leavers production
- 26.7.24 – Year 6 leavers assembly & last day of the school year



## Update from the Headteacher

It's been a short month in school as we didn't return to school until 15<sup>th</sup> April after the Easter break. I hope you had a relaxing and restful break, whether you were celebrating Easter, Eid or just spending time together. As usual lots has been happening in school this month. The children really enjoyed celebrating and learning about Eid, Year 1 learned lots about farm animals on their trip to Red House Farm and many children took part in different sporting events. All classes have launched their new summer topics and it has been impressive to see the knowledge that they have learned already.

## Eid Celebrations!

The children really enjoyed celebrating and learning about Eid on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April. The children looked great in their Eid and party clothes. Thank you to all of our parents who provided some yummy treats for the children to eat on this day too.



## Parking

We are very aware how busy it can get on Outwood Road at drop off and pick up times. However please be mindful where you park if you are in a vehicle. We have had reports of vehicles being parked on double yellow lines outside school which is making it very difficult for or families to cross the road safely. I have asked our local councillor to help mark out a safe crossing area on Outwood Road with pencil bollards so hopefully this will be actioned soon.

## Attendance



Total attendance for April was 94.1%  
The winning class was 4 with 96.3%  
Well done!

The class attendance figures for this academic year so far is:

FS2: 91.8%  
Year 1: 91.9%  
Year 2: 94.9%  
Year 3: 91.2%  
Year 4: 94.8%  
Year 5: 92%  
Year 6: 91.7%

## School Lunches

Thank you for your support in the launch of our new online ordering system, School Grid. I hope that you have found the option of being to order your children's school meals at home a positive addition to our school meal offer. As per the letter sent out we are offering an opportunity for you to come in to school to taste our summer menu next Wednesday. The session will be held in the dining hall at 3pm. We look forward to welcoming you and really value your feedback

## More Sporting Success

This term the children in nursery and reception took part in a mini athletics event. The children were praised for their enthusiasm and energy by the organisers. Also a group of KS2 children took part in a cross country competition at Thorn Grove Primary School. They competed amongst a number of Stockport schools and demonstrated all of our ACORN values.



## Have your circumstances changes recently?

Do you think you maybe eligible for Free School Meals?  
Families may be paying over £480 per year for each child,  
paying for school meals when they don't have to!

If you receive any of the benefits below you may be eligible.

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Universal Credit (provided your household income is less than £7,400 a year after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

If you think you may be eligible please visit your local council website (the council area where you live i.e. Stockport or Manchester) and search Free School Meals to apply.

You can still apply even if you want your child to remain on packed lunches. School will receive additional funding for each child that is registered.

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