



Happy New Year!

This week, we welcomed back our children and staff to the new Spring Term. Although a shorter term than the last, it promises to be full of learning and exciting opportunities.

We have workshops, local walks, visitors and presentations, trips to London and visits to a mandir and a mosque planned for this term. Year 3 children will begin learning to play the recorder and we look forward to celebrating Easter at the church service.

Making the most of the winter sunshine

It has been very cold this week, but we have enjoyed some sunny lunchtimes, too. The KS2 children have been taking full advantage of the far corner of the playground, with the old climbing frame and tree. Over 200 of our children played on this very same tree and on this climbing frame, when they were in Reception! What a perfect week it was for Year 2 classes, to go for a local walk along the river, to begin their local geography unit. We are very lucky to have such rich resources on our doorstep; Chase Green, the New River, St. Andrew's Church and Gentleman's Row.



POPPY APPEAL

Thank you to everyone in our school community who bought poppies and gave donations. We raised **£375.10** for the Royal British Legion and received a postcard of appreciation to everyone involved.

Police give online safety presentation to Year 6 pupils

This week, we were visited by the Met Police, who came to talk to the children in Year 6 about Online Safety, specifically about apps. They went through popular apps such as *WhatsApp*, *Instagram*, *TikTok*, *YouTube* and *Snapchat*.

The message given was about age restrictions for these apps, all of which were 13+ years, as well as potential risks and harm. The children were then given scenarios to think about, when using these sites. The Police also talked about video games and PEGI ratings, so that our children can be well-informed. After some very sensible questions from the children, they were asked to report back to parents, what they had learned and understood from the workshop. This workshop forms part of our PSHE curriculum content in Year 6, as well as part of the Computing Curriculum about keeping safe online. Finally, the children were told about what to do and who to contact, if they needed to report any inappropriate messages.



Information reminders for parents

Ordering school lunches - please order your child's school lunch, at least the day before, so that the children know what they will be expecting. Lunches can be ordered up to three weeks in advance.

Y1-Y6 Indoor PE kit - a number of children did not return to school with their indoor PE kit this week, so some had to sit out of their lesson. To avoid causing embarrassment, please ensure your child's kit is at school for the entire half term.

Punctuality - our gates open at 8:45 a.m. and children are expected to be in their classrooms by 8:55 a.m. Please ensure your child enters the school building by this time, so that they are not late for the register or lessons. Thank you.

The Pantry - our school food bank is available for any family, who may be in need of support. We stock tinned food, pasta, cleaning products, toiletries and much more. Please call the office to check when it is open.

Curriculum Letters - our half termly curriculum letters were emailed out to parents this week. They are also available to see on our website under NEWS for parents to read.

New staff

This week, we welcomed Mr Kymani Nelson, or Coach Kymani, to our school. Kymani has taken over from Coach Romaine and has taught all year groups this week, as well as being in After School Club on Monday. The children have been very kind to him, showing him some of the routines and helping him with the 410 names, which he will be hoping to learn this term!

We also welcome Miss Nergiz Kesen, our temporary Welfare Assistant. Miss Kesen has been with us before, so knows some of the children, already.

IMPORTANT DATES

Mon 12th to Fri 16th February - HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Mon 19th February - INSET training day **SCHOOL CLOSED**

Mon 5th to Fri 9th February - Children's Mental Health Week

Tues 6th February - Safer Internet Day

Fri 8th March - England Football Biggest Ever Girls' Football Session

Tues 19th and Thurs 21st March - Parent Meetings **ONLINE (more info to follow)**

Thurs 28th March - **TERM ENDS AT 2pm**

Mon 15th April - **SUMMER TERM STARTS**

Thurs 2nd May - Local Elections **SCHOOL CLOSED**

Mon 6th May - Public holiday **SCHOOL CLOSED**

