

## HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Welcome back and a belated "Happy New Year"! I hope that all of our children and families had a wonderful Christmas. As we start the Spring Term we cannot wait for the lighter mornings and nights to arrive, although they seem like a long way off yet! We've had another busy start this term and have welcomed more new children into our nursery and it has been lovely to see them all settle in so quickly. As you will be aware, our breakfast club is now open at the earlier time of 7.30am for children in Nursery 3's, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. We hope that it will prove popular enough to allow us to continue to open at the earlier time. Places can be booked via ParentPay.

*Mrs Allen, Headteacher*

### Diary Dates

#### Upcoming Diary Dates

#### February:

Friday 7th - NSPCC Number Day (non-uniform)

Thursday 13th - R/Y1/Y2 Valentine Disco

Tuesday 18th - Nursery/School Photograph Day

Friday 21st - Break up for half-term holiday

#### March:

Monday 3rd - Re-open following half-term holiday

Tuesday 6th - World Book Day (non-uniform day)

Friday 21st - Comic Relief Red Nose Day (non-uniform day)

Friday 28th - Mrs Simpsons Class Assembly, 2pm School Hall

### ATTENDANCE MATTERS

#### Attendance from 5th September 2024

Target - 96%

Class	Attendance %
Mrs Simpson	88.9%
Mrs Scotter	94.4%
Miss Clarke	94.5%
Mrs Cruise	94.6%

### Weekly Winners

Please keep an eye out on our ClassDojo School Story, where we will announce our weekly attendance winners every Friday.

## School Picture Day



Just a reminder that school photographs will take place on Tuesday 18th February for all children, including nursery. Sibling photographs will be taken as well, please inform the office if you DO NOT wish to have sibling photographs taken of your children. Nursery children who do not usually attend on a Tuesday will be invited to come along, more details will follow via ClassDojo.

## School admissions



If your child is due to start Reception, or move to Junior School in September, you should have applied for their place by now. If you haven't applied, you can contact the School Admissions Team on 0191 520 5553. National Offer Day is 16th April, so you should receive email confirmation regarding their place then.

# Thursday 13th February



Valentine  
disco

Our school valentine disco will be taking place on Thursday 13th February for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

This will be a non-uniform day for all children, regardless of whether they are attending the disco. Places can be booked via ParentPay and all bookings must be made by Monday 10th February, to allow us to plan staffing and buy enough drinks and snacks. No bookings will be accepted after the deadline.

## Reporting an absence.



If your child is absent you must contact the school office on 0191 917 1910 before 8.45am and leave a message with your name, your child's full name and the reason for their absence.

As a school, we have a responsibility to follow up absences for all children, including those who attend our nursery provision.



Please do not send any urgent messages via Class Dojo, as the teachers aren't always able to check them throughout the day.



### Social Media

Please remember to follow our school social media pages to keep up to date with all the exciting activities and learning that the children have been taking part in.



## PRE-LOVED UNIFORMS

We have a range of good quality, pre-loved school uniform and coats in our reception area that have been washed and bagged. Please feel free to take anything you need and leave a small donation, if possible. We would welcome any donations of good quality, pre-loved uniform and school book bags.



Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility! If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact school and speak to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads, Mrs Allen, Miss Lumsden, or Mrs Scott