

Newsletter – Wednesday 9th January

Welcome back everyone, I hope you all had a great Christmas and Happy New Year! A special welcome to Mrs Laurence who has joined us as Class Two's teacher and has already settled in. There will also be a new Teaching Assistant joining us on Tuesdays and Thursdays on a contract to cover Mrs King's up-coming maternity leave. Harriet Macey-Woolmer comes with a great deal of expertise and qualifications and I know she will be an excellent addition to the team.

In our Collective Worship yesterday, we learnt about three children from Honduras who had resolved to improve their local area. We decided that it was possible for everyone, no matter how small we may feel, to have a big impact. Everyone went away thinking about what our New Year's Resolutions might be such that they have a positive impact on our classes, school, village or wider community. I have no doubt that there will be some wonderful ideas when we talk about this again next week! The notion of resolving to change things for the better and seeing that resolution through certainly ties in with our topic this term (Whizz Bang Pop!). This will see all of the children becoming inventors in an effort to solve problems big and small. The notion of 'keeping going' is very familiar to all of the children: we often talk about 'Perseverance' which is both one of our Christian Values and a big part of the work we do on 'Building Learning Power' (BLP).

Of course we want the children to learn all of the things that the National Curriculum says they should learn (often facts), but we also want them to develop their own skills, interests and determination as learners and this is where BLP is so important. The elements of BLP are split into four 'R's and in outline they look like this:

Resourcefulness	Resilience	Reflectiveness	Reciprocity
Reasoning	Noticing	Planning	Collaborating
Questioning	Absorbing	Revising	Imitating
Imagining	Persevering	Distilling	Listening & empathising
Making links	Managing distractions	Meta learning	Interdependence
Capitalising			

BLP is something you may hear about from your children (or me!) from time to time. Please do speak with me or your child's class teacher to find out more.

Although this is a relatively short term, it still promises to be full! Staff are currently finalising the 'Big Event' trips to support our topic work and we will let you have information on these in the next week or so. We will also be sending out information about the KS2 Residential to St George's House. Miss Trofa has planned music workshops for the second half of term as well as the KS2 climbing sessions that will start next week. Year Three will again be learning Archery and all classes will have a different sporting festival.

Have a great term!
Rob Norton
(Head of School)

Climbing

Please can all climbing slips be returned by Friday 11th January – extra copies are being sent home with those who have not yet returned them. Thank you.

School Meals - Census

Thursday 17th January is census day – DCC base part of our finance for next year on the amount of Reception/KS1 pupils having a free school dinner on this day. Please remember your Reception or KS1 child does not have to have the hot option to receive the free meal – also available are ham, cheese or tuna

Week Commencing 14/11/19

- Monday: Y3/Y4 Climbing
- Tuesday: Y5/Y6 Climbing
Netball Club
- Wednesday: After School Church Club
- Thursday: Choir Club
- Friday: Y3 Archery
KS2 Sports Club

Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday to Jack G for the 11th, and Tiya for the 14th.



sandwiches, and jacket potato with cheese, beans or tuna. In order to keep fresh delicious meals cooked on the premises, it would be great to have a high uptake of Reception/KS1 meals on that day. To encourage this we have put on one of the children's favourites as a special – cheese wheels, hash brown and mixed vegetables, with chocolate cracknel for pudding. Thank you.

Guitar Lessons

As you know, the piano and guitar lessons with Mr Rogozinski are very popular, and we have a waiting list of children wanting to start lessons. We have the opportunity for another instrumental teacher to give additional lessons at school – prices will be £5 for a 20 minute shared lesson, or £10 for a 20 minute individual lesson. If you are not already on the waiting list, but would be interested in your child learning guitar at school, please let Miss Trofa or Mrs Goss know. Thank you.

<p><u>2018-2019 Term Dates</u></p> <p>Spring Term 2019 Half Term – W/C Monday 18th February Last Day – Friday 5th April</p> <p>Summer Term 2019 First Day – Wednesday 24th April Bank Holiday – Monday 6th May Half Term – W/C Monday 27th May Non Pupil Day – Monday 3rd June Last Day – Wednesday 24th July</p>
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<p><u>2019-2020 Term Dates</u></p> <p>Autumn Term 2019 First Day – Monday 9th September Half Term – W/C Monday 21st October Last Day – Friday 20th December</p> <p>Spring Term 2020 First Day – Monday 6th January Half Term – W/C Monday 17th February Last Day – Friday 27th March</p> <p>Summer Term 2020 First Day – Wednesday 15th April Bank Holiday – Monday 4th May Half Term – W/C Monday 25th May Last Day – Wednesday 22nd July</p>
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Meals W/C 14/01/19				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
West Country Sausages Creamed Potato & baked beans Lemon Drizzle & Custard	Cottage pie and seasonal vegetables Apple, cheese and biscuits	Roast Chicken Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Veg Fruit Platter	Cheese Wheels, hash brown and mixed vegetables. Chocolate Cracknel	Fish Bites Golden Fries & Seasonal Vegetables Peach melba

KS2 School Meal Tickets

Name of child.....

I wish to buy _____ book(s) of tickets at £11.50 each and have enclosed the sum of £_____ in full payment.

Please make cheques payable to TEAM Multi Academy Trust.

Pre-School Dinners

Name of child.....

I wish to book my child in for school dinners on the days below (please tick)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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I enclose £1.80 per day, total £..... Please make cheques payable to TEAM Multi Academy Trust.