



## Happy Chinese New Year

The children have been learning all about Chinese New Year throughout school this week. We have decorated the school with Chinese lanterns and the school canteen cooked a Chinese menu, some children got the chance to try eating with chopsticks!

## February Half Term Holiday Club

We are running a holiday Club for years 1-6 on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 9am - 5pm. The cost is £15 per day per child. If you would like your child to attend the club please fill in the form on the app or request a copy from the office. You can pay for the club on Parent Pay. Places are only confirmed when payment has been made. Places are limited so please book soon to avoid disappointment!

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## Year 2 Forest School

Year 2 had a fantastic time at Forest School this week. They celebrated World Religion Day and Chinese New Year with activities inspired by the traditional tale "The Magic Paintbrush". They hung wishes on the wishing tree, painted with berries and mud and imagined what they would paint if they had a magic paintbrush.



## World Religion Day

On Monday we discussed the 6 key religions – Christianity, Hinduism, Sikhism, Buddhism, Judaism and Islam. The children recognised many similarities, most importantly..... the theme of love and how we should treat people in the way we would like to be treated.



## Gifted and Talented

We hosted the cluster schools "Gifted and Talented" session on Wednesday. Twelve year 6 students from four of our cluster primary schools joined us to take part in a drawing workshop. The children learnt how to use different shading techniques and then applied these methods when drawing a countryside landscape. They were very proud of the results that they achieved.



## Reading Books

Please can all reading books be sent into school on Monday? We are auditing reading books so there will be no reading books sent home until the end of the week.



## Sports News

Our year 5/6 football team went to The Cliff on Tuesday to play in a tournament. They played 4 games; won 2 drew 1 and lost 1. We lost out on a place in the final on goal difference but the team played very well and learnt lots for tournaments in the future. Well done team!



## Polite Notice

The following are not acceptable reasons for absence: Illness of a family member/sibling, visiting relatives, having a full day off for a medical appointment, oversleeping, a bad night's sleep, a family holiday, head lice (treatment should be before or after school), moving house, birthdays or shopping for clothes! These absences will be marked in the register as unauthorised absences. 5 or more unauthorised absences can result in a penalty notice being issued.

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### Dates for your diaries



Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January – Young Voices



Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Class 2W assembly  
Week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> February – Ghyll Head residential  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Break up for half term  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Back to school  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February – Parents evening

### Stranger Danger

There have been several reports in the local area regarding a man approaching children. We have discussed stranger danger again today in assembly with the children. Staff have also been at the school gates intermittently before and after school. Thank you for your support.

### School Parent App

If you have not signed up to Parent App can you please do so ASAP. The app is our main source of communicating with parents/carers about everything that is happening within school. If you are struggling to install it please contact the school office and they will be happy to help.

### Chosen Charity

We will soon be announcing news regarding our chosen charity to support, we are working closely with Ruby, our Pupil Leadership Charity Ambassador on this.

### FOBL Meeting

There is a Friends of Button Lane meeting on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January, everyone is welcome to join us for a brew and a chat and discuss fundraising ideas for the school.

### P.E. Kits

There have been a number of children who have not returned to school with their P.E kit and have therefore been unable to take part in their P.E lesson. Please ensure your child has their kit in school. Now the colder weather has arrived your child will require the appropriate clothing for outdoor P.E, such as tracksuit pants and a jumper/jacket.

### Attendance

Our weekly attendance this week is 96.8%. So close to our target, let's reach it next week.

The top class this week was 4D with an amazing 100%, well done class 4D! Class 4D can come to school dressed in their own clothes on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January.

So many classes just missed out on 100% attendance this week, let's see if they can make it next week!

The year to date attendance is 95.3%.

### Reporting Absence

If your child is going to be absent please inform the school on the first day of absence. You can leave a message on the school answer phone or with the office staff on 945 1965 or you can send a text message to the school mobile the number is: 07599954928 or you can fill in the absence reporting section on Parent App. If we do not receive communication regarding a child's absence it will be recorded in the register as an unauthorised absence. 5 unauthorised register marks can result in a penalty notice being issued by the local authority.

### Need Support?...some useful numbers

Women's Domestic Violence - 0161 636 7525  
Men's Domestic Violence Helpline - 0808 80100327, NSPCC 24 hour free phone service - 0800 800 500, Childline - 0800 1111  
**Police (if not urgent) 101    Women's aid 0161 660 7999**

### Safeguarding Children

Every week we put on our newsletter the number for Social Services: 0161 234 5001. If you are ever concerned about any child please report it to Mrs Jones.

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