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Dates for your Diary

7th November: Y3 Trip to Rotherham Minster/Town Centre
10th November: Y4 Express Event – Roman Day in School
13th - 17th November: Book Fair in School
13th November: Y5 Mobile Stars Planetarium
15th November: Y6 'A Child's War' Engage Day
17th November: Y4 Takeover Day at Clifton Park Museum
23rd November: Film Night 3:30pm – 5:30pm
5th December: Basketball Comp at Oakwood High School 12pm – 3pm
6th December: Christmas Fayre 2pm – 4pm
7th December: POWER Cadets – Upper School Assembly
8th December: POWER Cadets – Lower School Assembly
8th December (Provisional Date): Y6 Wonder Cinema Visit

Street Dance After-School Club

This Friday, we will be giving all children the opportunity to join the Street Dance team for a free taster session. If you would like your child to attend, please let reception know before Friday. The session will last for 45 minutes, beginning at 3:30pm and finishing at 4:15pm.



Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to the 81 people who took the time to respond and return the recent parent questionnaire. 94% of parents agreed or strongly agreed with all 12 statements, with 7 statements receiving 100%. 94% of parents feel their child receives appropriate home learning for their age, whilst 98% feel that the school ensures all pupils are well behaved and that the school is well led and managed. In addition, 99% of parents feel the school deals effectively with bullying and that their child makes good progress. Feedback is important and we always welcome open discussion about any issues arising.

Let's Celebrate

Attendance

Good attendance at school is vital to enable children to make as much progress as possible during the school year. We urge you not to take holidays during term time unless it is absolutely unavoidable. We look to achieve at least 97% attendance across school each week and always recognise the good attendance of individual children throughout the year. Each week we also look at class attendances and our best attending classes take the certificate for the week, go in first for dinner on Friday and earn a smile each. During our seventh week back we hit 97.1% across school –above target. Well done to the 8 classes who had attendance above target.

6JB: 99.3%	4GT: 99.3%
4GO: 99%	3NO: 98.9%
5RE: 98.9%	6NE: 98.6%
5HS: 98.3%	5ND: 98.2%
6EL: 96.3%	4JF: 95.7%
3RE: 91.5%	3SW: 89.6%

Reading Competition and Book Festival Week

From Monday 13th November, the school will be holding a book festival, celebrating the wonderful world of books. To celebrate the book fair being in school, we have been running a competition where five winners will receive a £5 voucher, which can then be spent at the book fair. The deadline for the competition is Wednesday. Thank you to all of those children who have already entered. We will announce the winners in next week's newsletter.



Y3 News

Welcome back to all our Year 3 children and their families. This week we will be starting our topic for this half term, 'Urban Pioneers' with an Engage Day to Rotherham town centre on Tuesday 7th November. Please remember that, if your child has not yet done so, they need to bring in their reply slip and bus fare money as soon as possible. On the day, they need to arrive at school on time, wearing their school uniform, shoes and a warm coat. Also, they need a packed lunch and drink.

Also during this week, the children will be introduced to our class reading book for this half term, 'Meet me by the Steelmen' by Theresa Tomlinson. They will start by deepening their understanding of the text through drawing inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justify these with evidence. As well as this, they will be discussing words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination and will participate in discussions and role play.

In Maths, the children will be starting their Year 3 learning around addition and subtraction. They will be adding and subtracting numbers mentally, including; a three-digit number and ones, a three-digit number and tens, a three-digit number and hundreds and solving number problems and practical problems involving addition and subtraction.

During Topic Learning, the children will develop an understanding of community and what role they play in the different communities they belong to. In addition, they will learn how to use an atlas correctly to identify different locations across the UK and describe where these places are. At the end of the week, they will produce a questionnaire about jobs which they will be bringing home and asking members of their family to complete. We hope you will support your child in completing these questionnaires and return them to school on Monday 13th November, so that we can use the results in maths learning during that week.

Y4 News

The Y4 team are looking forward to another busy and exciting term as we run up to Christmas. We will be continuing with our Roman topic, I am Warrior, and we are looking forward to our Takeover Day at Clifton Park Museum on Friday 17th November.

In Maths, we will be working on the objective 'counting back through zero to include negative numbers'. We will be completing practical activities to aid our understanding including making number lines and looking at negative numbers in real life situations.

In our English lessons, we will visit the ICT suite to type up our newspaper reports about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. This will test our ICT skills as we will be incorporating pictures and text boxes to make our reports look more professional! We have thoroughly enjoyed writing our newspaper reports and they are fantastic to read.

In our Reading lessons, we will be starting our new book – The Firework Maker's Daughter by Philip Pullman. After reading a short extract of text, the children will be answering questions based on the four reading domains.

In Topic lessons, we will be creating posters, invitations and fact cards ready for our Takeover Day at Clifton Park Museum. Further, we will be learning Roman formations ready for our Express event on Friday. This will even test our language skills by learning some Latin!

A gentle reminder that our Roman Express Day will take place this Friday, November 10th. On the day, the children will be invited to dress up in Roman attire. This could be in the form of a simple toga, tunic or a full Roman soldier costume. If your child wishes to dress up, please send their costume to school, in a bag, ready to change into for the afternoon. Remember to check out our school website and twitter for pictures of our Express day!

Uniform Reminder

Please note that our uniform policy states very clearly that black shoes should be worn for school. This is in line with most other schools. No jewellery should be worn except for a single stud earring in each ear and watches. Children should be able to take these out themselves when it comes to PE lessons. If not, they should not be worn. Thank you.

Beast Creator Exhibition

The children thoroughly enjoyed showing off their amazing work and are very proud of all their achievements. It was lovely to see so many parents, and to hear your fantastic comments. You can find more photos on the school website.

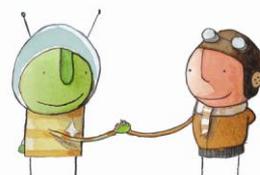


Y5 News

In English we will begin to read our new class read, The Jupiter Chronicles, the Secret of the Great Red Spot. We will discuss the story and the characters in detail, forming and expressing opinions about the book and thinking about the science fiction genre.

In Maths, we will begin to look at counting backwards through zero and working with both positive and negative numbers before beginning to solve a variety of negative number problems and reasoning questions.

In Topic work this week, the children will begin their new work on Stargazers, beginning to describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system. They will read The Way Back Home by Oliver Jeffers and produce watercolour work based on the illustrations in the book



Sports News

Two weeks before half term, there was a lot of sports festivals that took place that our pupils were involved in. We have had the Y3/4 Boys football team, Y5/6 Girls football team and Y5/6 Boys football team all take part in the Rotherham Finals at Wath Comprehensive School. Even though none of our teams were the overall winner, they all participated with 100% effort and did all they could to achieve positive results. They showed excellent sportsmanship at the end of each match and certainly showed why they deserved to be in the finals.

Y3/4 Boys Team: Seth Ellis, James Hetherington, Eisa Nabi, Jack Blore, Harvey Grant-Lewis, Taylor Grant-Lewis, Bassam Elsebai, Aaron Steer, Jem Tompkin and Kanishka.

Y5/6 Girls Team: Annie Watson, Nada Elsebai, Harper Tompkin, Teja Ward and Emily Fossey.

Y5/6 Boys Team: Harry Ellis, Samir Gholam, Zach Dear, Ollie Bell, George Tester, Leon Wasilewski, Noah Bagnall, Charlie Hetherington and George Mervill.

On Thursday 19th October, we also had our cross country qualifiers participate in their long awaited Rotherham Finals at Herringthorpe Stadium. It was a cold morning, which eventually turned to heavy rain, but this did not stop our pupils from running their hearts out with their efforts and competing against 100's of other pupils from different schools. The following results have now been confirmed:

Y3/4 Girls Race (126 runners): Isobel Shea (19th), Eshal Junaid (22nd), Misa Fleming (31st), Freya Wilson (42nd), Elizabeth McGarty (56th) and Charlottle Kendal (61st).

Y3/4 Boys Race (134 runners): Eisa Nabi (2nd), James Hetherington (7th), Niklas Teufel (44th), Seth Ellis (51st), Ahsan Saeed (56th), Taylor Grant-Lewis (110th), Musa Hussain (117th).

Y5/6 Girls Race (137 runners): Harper Tompkin (13th), Freya Mounsher (53rd), Olivia Abraham (72nd), Ruby Weaver (75th), Natasha Jackson (93rd).

Y5/6 Boys Race (136 runners): George Mervill (11th), Leon Wasilewski (35th), Zach Dear (38th), Haider Elsebai (88th), Isameel Hussain (103rd).

A big thank you to all the family members and friends who came along to support the Sitwell teams in their competitions. It is clear to see that our pupils really appreciate it and enjoy you coming along to watch.

Y6 News

Welcome back to another exciting term! I can't believe we are now officially in the run up to Christmas. This half term is always a busy one and we have lots planned as we start our new topic 'A Child's War'. We will be continuing our CSI topic for one more week so we can tie up some loose ends. However, next week, we will be holding our engage day for our World War 2 topic. On Wednesday next week (15/11/17), children will need to come to school dressed as a child would have during WW2. During the day, children will experience what it was like for a child in school during the war. It is sure to be an interesting day!

In maths, Year 6 will continue their work focussing on negative numbers. They will learn about negative numbers in context and look at finding the difference between negative numbers, calculating intervals across zero. They will also complete their weekly arithmetic test and basic skills check.

In English, Year 6 will develop their reading skills in the context of Remembrance Day.

In topic, children will create poppy art work using glue and pastel.

