



ATTENDANCE AND TERM-TIME HOLIDAYS

Term-time holidays cannot be authorised. All other absences of 5 days or more cannot be authorised without supportive medical evidence. These do not need to be consecutive.

A big thankyou to all children who have 95% attendance or more. Many congratulations to the 86 children who have achieved 100% attendance so far this year!



School Attendance Matters

TARGET	96.50%
ACTUAL	95.50%
4B.....	98.21%
3S.....	96.64%
2B.....	96.03%
2T.....	95.99%
3D.....	95.70%
1D.....	95.56%
1H.....	95.52%
RW1.....	95.19%
5/6EC.....	95.09%
4T.....	94.82%
5T.....	94.79%
6M.....	94.41%
RW2.....	94.19%

CONTACT DETAILS

If you have changed your telephone/mobile number recently, please inform the school office.



SPOTLIGHT ON

Christmas Concerts

We would just like to thank all the children for the hard work they did to make the Christmas concerts such a success. All performances were to a high standard and enjoyed by everyone who watched them. Well done children.

HOUSEKEEPING INFORMATION

School Photographs—Class	Friday 20 January
Year 5 Eden Camp	Monday 23 January
Year 6 Eden Camp	Wednesday 25 January
Kingswood Residential	Monday 6 February—Friday 10 February
School Closes for Half Term 3.05pm	Friday 10 February
School Opens for Spring Half Term	Monday 20 February
World Book Day - Book Fair	Thursday/Friday 23/24 February
World Book Day—Dress as a character	Thursday 2 March
Parents' Evening	Thursday 16 March
Parents' Evening	Thursday 23 March
FS Easter Bonnet Parade (Parents Welcome)	Wednesday 5 April 9.30am and 1.00pm
KS1 Eggstravaganza (Parents Welcome)	Thursday 6 April 9.15am
KS2 Easter Egg Competition—Character and Decorated Eggs (Parents Welcome)	Friday 7 April 10.45am
School Closes for Easter 1.00pm	Friday 7 April

STAR READER/WRITER/MATHEMATICIAN/HANDWRITER/MATHLETE

We are pleased to announce that the following children were chosen by their teachers for impressing them with their effort and achievements last half term:

Class	Star Reader	Star Writer	Star Mathematician	Star Handwriter	Star Mathletes
RW1	Joshua Chabros	Harry Lewin	Olivier Jakubiszyn	Ada-Mae Bradney	Ricardo Shahsavari
RW2	Sophia Parry-Cunha	Alfie Williams	Joshua Thornley	Jasmine Hutchinson	Blake Beal
1H	Macey White	Delilah MacLaren	Freya Crossley	Barbara Wojcik	Vanessa Talik
1P	Constance Stockton	Jahzmin McConnell	Riley Connolly	William Johnson	Millie Banham
2B	Maisie Clarkson	Grace Kelly	Tristian Stone	Mia Newton	Angel Hirst
2T	Harry Hopkins	Lucy Pharaoh	Oliver Cobb	Kyron Guest	Abigail Cheng
3D	Samuel Thomas	Corey Huddlestone	Hannah Wood	Karolina Urbanska	Bailey McNicholas
3S	Phoebe Heptinstall	Alyssa Ayrton	Amelia-Skye Wilson	Dylan Ahir	Deron Moyo
4B	Evie Brooker	Abigail Wade	Summer Vates	Tarell Sibanda	Leah Daudet
4T	Ceejay Wilson	Eve Ratcliffe	Julia Smoluch	Matthew Bancroft	Faith Doleman
5T	Lacey Cresswell	Lucas Asprey	Abigail Green	Adrian Talik	Jessica Henshaw
5/6EC	Lillie Sutton	Mackenzie Shepherd	Riley Parkins	Bobbie-Jo Caffrey	Ceejay Wilson
6M	Megan Asprey	Ryan Johnstone	Kieran Smith	Kiera Berry	Amber Hopkins

HEAD BOYS AND GIRLS

A big thank you to Evie, Jacob, Ryan and Mia for all their hard work last term. They were involved in a number of different things, including helping at the Christmas Fair and interviewing for new teachers. They have identified that the Junior toilets are in need of a refurbishment and are currently working on ideas for the new design.

KS1 MULTI-SKILLS COMPETITION

Congratulations to the 10 children who represented our school at the event at Castleford Academy. They worked as a team to accumulate points as they completed a circuit of seven different activities against the clock. As a result of their effort and hard work, they were awarded First Place in the competition, beating all the other local primary schools. Well done to Aston Blythe, Grace Kelly, Oliver Cobb, Ethan Wild, Daisy Johnson, Olivia Fiddler, Callum Thomson, Oliver Shaw, Ruby Hamer, Izzie Mattison.

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Newsletter

LITTLE OASIS—

Breakfast Club,
After School
Provision and
Holiday care is run
by Little Oasis. For
further details
please contact Mrs
Sally Lisle on
07960 013399/
01977 278484



**PLEASE PARK ON
THE SCHOOL SIDE
OF WOOD VIEW
AVENUE!
REMEMBER OUR
NEIGHBOURS! USE
THE CAR PARK AT
CASTLEFORD
PANTHERS.
PLEASE DO NOT
PARK IN THE
BRAMBLEY HEDGE
CAR PARK OR IN
THE BUSINESS
CENTRE CAR PARK.**

Recent Policies approved by
Governors:
Managing Medicines and First
Aid

Register and pay online at
www.schoolmilkuk.co.uk
for school milk for your
child.

HOME SCHOOL PROJECTS

A very big thank you for your support with the Home School Projects. We have been extremely impressed with the variety and standard of the projects and the level of effort and creativity demonstrated.

NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE

We are pleased to announce the launch of our new school website!

www.tleacademy.co.uk

Although it is not completely finished, we are very pleased with the new design and hope that you will find it easy to navigate. We would be interested to hear your views.

STAFFING

Unfortunately, Mr Pickup—Year 1 teacher, left us at the end of the Autumn Term. We welcome Mrs Diop as our new Year 1 teacher until the end of the Summer Term.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Mrs Westfeld had to begin her maternity leave sooner than expected. We now welcome Miss Brown as our Reception teacher until the end of the Summer Term.

SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL

Mr Wormauld retired from his position at Christmas. Unfortunately, Wakefield Council have not yet been able to replace him and are unsure about when they may be able to do so. As a school, we, therefore, will not have a crossing patrol until they employ a suitable replacement.

As you may have seen in the local press, Wakefield Council are considering withdrawing the School Crossing Patrols completely. This is not a mandatory service and councils are therefore not statutorily obligated to provide them. However, it is extremely concerning and not a decision that the school supports. An alternative to this would be for the council to introduce a charging system for school who want to retain a School Crossing Patrol. We have been asked to encourage parents to have your say on the proposal by emailing roadsafety@wakefield.gov.uk

JUNIOR PLAYGROUND

As you may be aware, the surface on the junior playground is suffering from wear and tear and as a result we would like to have it resurfaced. Due to the size of the playground, the costs involved will be substantial— tens of thousands of pounds. We are currently seeking quotes. As far as we are aware, there are no grants available to support us with this. We intend to write to local businesses and companies who are currently working in the local area in order to seek financial help. If you are able to secure any help on our behalf, please let us know. We will also need to organise a variety of fund raising events each year to help towards the cost. If you have any ideas for this, please let us know.

Mrs Gill, parent in 3D, has very kindly offered to run the Manchester Marathon in order to raise funds. It will take place on 2 April 2017. We would very much appreciate your support in sponsoring Mrs Gill on the school's behalf. Further information to follow.

TIMESTABLE FACT CHAMPIONS

From next week, children will be able to earn certificates for being Timestable Fact Champions. Please support your child to confidently know their timestables and encourage them to tell staff when they are ready to earn their certificates: Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum, Diamond.

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES

The Parent Questionnaires given out at Parents' Evening in November were completed by 156 parents. Thank You! They were overwhelmingly positive with only a handful of concerns raised.

Because they are anonymous we cannot contact the few parents who disagreed with the statements in order to be able to address concerns and make improvements. If you feel strongly about areas for improvement, please make an appointment in order to discuss your suggestions, Alternatively, please use the Suggestion Box located on the settee in the main entrance.

ADDRESSING ISSUES/CONCERNS

If you would like to discuss an issue or concern with a teacher, this needs to be done so privately. As this requires the teacher to leave the classroom, only simple issues/concerns can be dealt with at the start of the school day. Where a longer discussion is deemed necessary, an appointment will need to be made in order for sufficient time to be given to your concern. If the issues/concern cannot be resolved with the teacher, please arrange an appointment with the Phase Leader.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 2 March 2016 is World Book Day. Children are encouraged to come to school dressed up as a character from a book.

Book Fair -

A Book Event will be held on Thursday 23 February and Friday 24 February. The event will be held at School and books will be sold on the spot rather than via an ordering system. Prices will range from 99p to £10.00, although most will be in the range of £4.00 to £6.00.

The event will be staffed by Derek Harrison of "Primary Books". He will bring a comprehensive selection of reading material from the very best publishers and authors around today for children of all ages. Children may buy or reserve books with your approval and an envelope will be provided for you to send to School with an appropriate amount. Each class will be invited to the book fair during the two days and it will remain open after School to provide everyone with an opportunity to view and make selections.

"Primary Books" has been established to offer the widest range of publishers and titles and is committed to support the development of reading in young people through its work with Schools. Its events are staffed by qualified teachers who will advise at appropriate selections.

Please support this event, which is aimed at encouraging your child to become familiar with good quality books, which will complement the School curriculum. Your support for this event will also mean that the School will receive free books by way of commission.

SCHOOL NURSING SERVICE

If you have any queries regarding your child's health, hygiene or toileting issues, or anything that is concerning you, please contact the School Nursing Service on 01924 327540.

SOCIAL CARE DIRECT 03458503503

Your first point of contact for Social Care.

Designated Safeguarding Leads:
Miss Greatorex
Mrs Westfeld

Phase Leaders:
Foundation Stage:
Mrs Westfeld
KS1: Ms Burrows
Yr 3/4: Mrs Townsend
Yr 5/6:
Mrs Ellis-Charlesworth