



Following in the footsteps of Jesus, we learn, love and laugh together

Friday 10th September 2021

Dear Parents

We've had a wonderful start to this academic year, at the end of our first full week, it has been pleasing to see how well children have settled into their new classrooms and many of the familiar school routines.

Entering and exiting from both gates seems to have worked more efficiently this week. The gates will open at 8.40 am and at 8.50 am the member of staff on duty, will return to their class for the beginning of the school day. It is really important that we are able to have a prompt start to the school day.

Please see the letter sent to all parents regarding our Relationships and Sex Education programme which will be introduced as a statutory part of the curriculum and will be delivered to all year groups from this September. There is also an information booklet, providing an outline for all year groups and log in details for the parent portal. Our RSE policy can be accessed via our school website.

I hope you all have a pleasant weekend.

Best wishes

Eileen Murtagh

Attendance

Lower than 90% Attendance	90-95% Attendance	96-100% Attendance
	Class 1 Class 2 Class 3 Class 4 Class 5 Class 6	Reception

Overall Attendance this week is **94.5%**

Don't underestimate the importance of 100% attendance. Even one day missed can have an effect on learning. This week's overall attendance was 99.38%

98% attendance means **4** school days missed
95% attendance means **10** school days missed
90% attendance means **19** school days missed
80% attendance means **38** school days missed
5 minutes late each day means **3** school days missed

Please be aware that requests for children to take holidays during term time will be classed as an unauthorised absence.

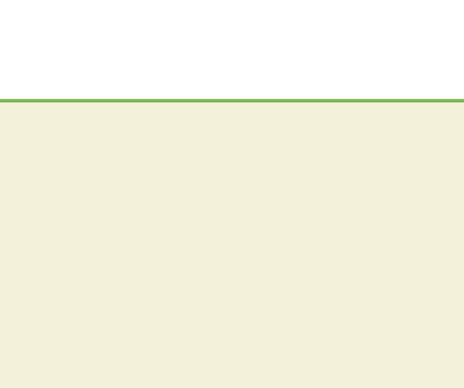
Reception

We welcome all the children who have joined our Reception class, they are already oozing confidence as they familiarise themselves with their new learning environment. Next week we look forward to sharing images of their initial first steps in primary school. We will only do this when we have received parental consent, please ensure that all forms are completed, they can be found on our school website.



Class 2

We have had an excellent start to the year. The children are really enjoying our new book, *Troll Swap*. We even received a letter from a troll! In geography the children have been using atlases and maps to locate and learn the seven continents. In music we have been learning about the orchestra and discovering new pieces of music. It is wonderful to have Year 2 back in class and to see them working so well together.



Class 3

Class 3 have had a brilliant start to the new school year and have really impressed their new teachers. They are enjoying being back together with their friends and all the exciting things that come with being in KS2. The children have been working hard to identify place value in 3 digit numbers and include prepositions in their writing this week. They have produced some fantastic artwork and have enjoyed learning about Hokusai's "The Great Wave".

Class 5

What a fantastic first week Class 5 have had! We have settled so well into Year 5 and really enjoyed this week's activities. We have learned about the Liturgical Calendar and made our own to display in our classroom to remind us throughout the year. We have also enjoyed starting our new book, *Queen of the Falls*. In Thursday's lesson, we imagined we were at Niagara Falls and wrote postcards home all about what we could see, hear, smell and taste!

Class 6

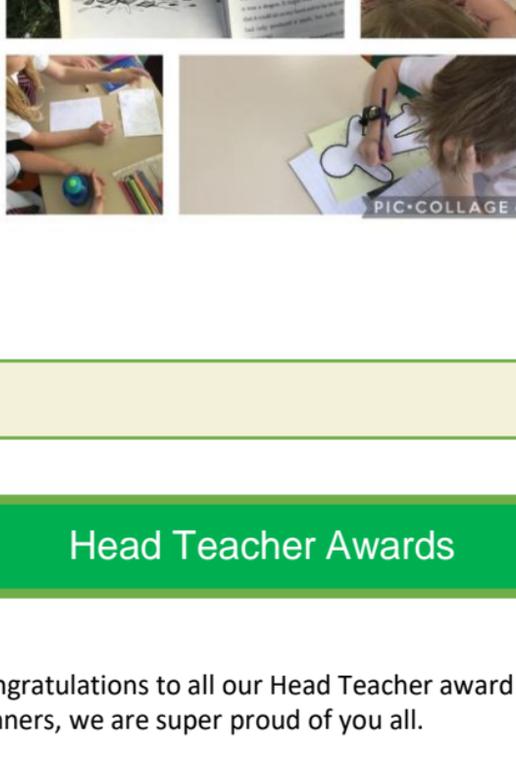


Year 6 enjoyed a fun-filled afternoon with Mandy from FAVSP developing the skills that they need to become playleaders for our KS1 children. Excellent communication and exciting activities were demonstrated by all!

Class 4

Class 4's first full week back has been a busy one! We have started our new class text in our English lessons and have written character descriptions of the main character. We have also enjoyed exploring Number and Place Value in our Maths lessons and have made an excellent start

rounding numbers to the nearest 10 and 100. The earlier part of the week brought some lovely warm weather and we enjoyed sitting outside in the beautiful sunshine listening to our class novel 'The Boy Who Grew Dragons'.



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IT'S A DRAGON!

It was being written down on the page...

...and I would think my small party...

...back sitting in their pile of silk and...

...like a snake and a dragon of such...

...the King's dragon and the King's...

...working in their garden. But the...

...there have to be a dragon!

Oh, no! Maybe you'd be happy to...

...to be a dragon in your garden. You...

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