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WELCOME

Welcome back, I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Due to the snap election announced by Teresa May during the Easter break, our premises will now be required for polling on **Thursday 8th June 2017** and the Early Years Unit will therefore be closed on this date. As a result there will be no school for children in our Nursery and Reception classes, **all other children should attend as normal.**

Could I also remind all Nursery/Reception parents that, as explained on our last newsletter, the polling day which was planned for next **Thursday 4th May** was postponed and school will now be open as normal for ALL children on this day.

SCHOOL AWARDS

This week special mentions were awarded to:

Reception: Blake, Alfie

Year 1: Rio, Ethan

Year 2: Ebony, Rose

Year 3: Ian, Kyle

Year 4: George, Ebony

Year 5: Amy, Casey

Year 6: Jameylea, Noah

In addition, each class now awards a special 'always' award, this week these went to:

Reception: Lily-Sue Keeler

Year 1: Grace T

Year 2: Nathan

Year 3: Sandra

Year 4: Ruby

Year 5: Jasmine

Year 6: Ruby

There are now more chances for children to win our Behaviour prize raffle each week, as there is a draw in each class, this weeks' winners are:

Reception Eva

Year 1 Lexi

Year 2 Brooke & Jess

Year 3 Kayla

Year 4 Harrison

Year 5 Alfie

Year 6 Owen

ATTENDANCE

During the year attendance is monitored daily and each week classes receive awards for their attendance in the previous week.

On Monday the attendance award was presented to **Reception & Year 5** with 100% - WELL DONE!

Nursery AM 95.4%, Nursery PM 83.8%
Reception 100%,
Year 1 97.9%, Year 2 96.3%,
Year 3 97.2%, Year 4 94%,
Year 5 100%, Year 6 96.9%

Our new attendance target is **96%**

LUNCHTIME AWARDS

Awards for the week leading up to the Easter break were given to:

Reception: Lexi

Year 1: Jayden

Year 2: Jaden

Year 3: Tilly

Year 4: Liam

Year 5: Amy

Year 6: Jack

FOUNDATION NEWS....



NURSERY

This week in Nursery, we have been reading the story of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. We have tried to recall events in the story and have discussed the different characters. We have also made and eaten some of the Three Bears' porridge. Next time you are in Nursery, come and have a look at our fantastic display of our learning this week.

Next week, we will be continuing our topic of 'Traditional Tales' by reading the story of 'Billy Goats Gruff'. In Maths, we will be practising counting to 20 and will be trying to count objects.

We love seeing what our Nursery children have been doing at home. If your child has completed any work at home or received any certificates from clubs or activities, please can you bring this in so we can add this to our 'Wow Wall'.

In the Unit, we are running low on clothes to change children into if they have an accident. Please can you return these as soon as possible if your child borrows school clothes. Also, if you have any unwanted clothes that you would like to donate then these would be greatly appreciated. Thank you

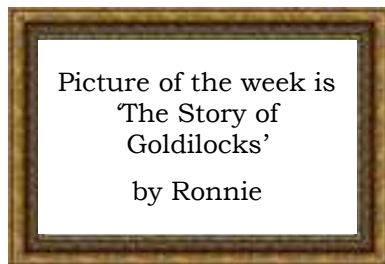
RECEPTION

We have all had a lovely first week back. This week we have started our topic on traditional tales by reading 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. We have been sequencing the key events in the story and have used our own pictures and sentences to re-tell parts of the story. We have been using drama and role-play to act out different scenes. We have used lots of expression when taking the role of different characters.

In our Maths we have been applying our knowledge on doubling and halving to solve different problems. We have practised halving and sharing between 2, by using a variety of resources.

Please look at our recent work on the school website, we took lots of photos of our egg rolling and Easter egg hunt which you will be able to view on our class page.

Next week we will be focussing on the story of 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. In Maths we will be using our addition and subtraction skills to solve problems.



YEAR 1 NEWS....



What an exciting first week back we have had! We have all worked really hard and Mrs Ledger is super impressed with how grown up we are now that we are in the Summer term. The week began with yet more clues being hidden in our reading area (have a look at some pictures on our website). On Monday there was a pair of socks and some pants! On Tuesday we found some pyjamas, a toothbrush, a pirate hat and a cutlass! After careful discussion we all decided that a pirate must be sneaking into our class. Our new topic this term is treasure and the children are already very excited, especially after seeing our new display. We will be adding

work to it as the term goes on so feel free to pop in and have a look. We hope you all had a lovely Easter break and we look forward to an exciting new term.

YEAR 2 NEWS....



We have had a lovely week back after the holidays. In Maths this week we have been weighing using grams and kilograms and comparing measurements using the greater than and less than signs.

In Grammar we have been learning how to use adjectives to expand noun phrases to make them more interesting. We had a fantastic shadow puppet workshop on Monday. Take a look at our video on the website! In Science this week we went on walkabout looking at plants in our local environment.

Next week in Maths we will be looking at using the inverse operation to find missing numbers in calculations and naming and describing 3D shapes. Please could everyone bring in their PE kits next week as we have had lots of children without kits. Thank you.

YEAR 3 NEWS....



The Easter break has obviously re-charged Year 3's batteries; it's been a great week with a positive attitude to learning. In Literacy we have been learning about proverbs and play-scripts. We wrote our own little play-scripts trying to add stage direction too. In Maths we have been trying to improve multiplication skills. We started our new topic 'Ground Force' which is about our local area and growing plants, we are looking forward to growing some of our own over the coming weeks.

YEAR 4 NEWS....



A great first week back, everyone has had a positive attitude and tried really hard. In Maths we have been drawing and completing symmetrical patterns and grouping acute and obtuse angles. In Literacy we have been identifying determiners and using adverbs in our sentences in different positions. We have started our new topic 'Ground Force' and we will be learning about planting/growing plants and looking at our local area.

We have now displayed our art work from our recent visit to the Cooper Gallery for our Picasso workshop, please drop in and have a look.

Remember our PE day is Tuesdays.

YEAR 5 NEWS...



Welcome back. The children have returned with lots of energy and ready to work hard this term. In Literacy we have researched Ted Hughes, planned and started writing our biographies of his life and works. Next week this will be continued, focussing on using different sentence types and recognising these in our writing. In Maths we have recapped multiplication and have all worked hard on our tables and dropping a zero when multiplying by a two digit number – please practise this at home. Next week we will move onto using short and long division. In SEAL we have looked at what a good friend is and how we can be good friends in class.

In Topic we have been looking at timelines from the stone age to the iron age to discover how humans evolved and when animals like the Woolly Mammoth became extinct.

In PE we have started athletics this week, please remember your PE kits on Thursdays and Fridays.

YEAR 6 NEWS ...



The children have worked especially hard this week on their SATs preparation. The children are trying very hard and showing outstanding progress even at this late stage. Next week we will focus on more test preparation with the focus being on exam strategy and maximising scores. Please ensure your children continue to attend booster sessions next week – it may make all the difference. In SATs week **all** Y6 children need to attend school for 8.30am so that they can enjoy a pre-SATs breakfast and have an opportunity to 'steady' any nerves.

Children who are attending Hemsworth will be required to do an assessment day on the 22nd May... please put this date in your diary if your child is attending Hemsworth. Keep up the hard work everyone!

HEAD-LICE

We have had a number of cases of head-lice reported this week, please check your child's hair.

JUNK MODELLING

Our Early Years classes are always grateful for cereal boxes, yoghurt pots etc. to use for junk modelling. If you would like to bring items in to the school office we will pass them onto to the Foundation Unit.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FUTURE EVENTS

- 01.05.17 Bank Holiday – school closed
- 17.05.17 Y3/4 Cricket competition
- 17.05.17 Y5 Hear my Voice/Elsecar visit
- 29.05.17 Half term holiday – school closed 1wk
- 08.06.17 Nursery and Reception classes closed due to Parliamentary Election
- 20.06.17 Nursery trip with parents to Cannon Hall Farm
- 21.06.17 Reception trip to Tropical World
- 21.06.17 Y5 music concert @ Elsecar
- 19.07.17 Y6 Prom
- 24.07.17 Last day of term (children to attend)
- 25.07.17 Inset day – school closed
- 26.07.17 Summer holidays

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

The following after school clubs are running this half term (up to and including week ending 26th May)

Monday

KS2 Running Club 3.00 – 3.45pm

Tuesday

KS1 Lego Club 3.00 – 3.45pm

KS2 Rounders 3.00 – 4.00pm

Wednesday

KS1 Hoopball 3.00 – 4.00pm

KS2 Choir 3.00 – 3.45pm

Thursday

KS1 Running Club 3.00 – 3.45pm

Y3/4 Cricket 3.00 – 4.00pm