

Message from the Headteacher:

Dear Parents/Carers,
It has been another busy week in school.

The children have all been coming to the end of their writing units and I have seen some fantastic writing across the school.

Miss Chance has started a gardening group with some children in Year 4 and they have planted lots of different seeds this week. Keep your eyes peeled as you pass the raised beds over the next few weeks as you will hopefully begin to see the fruits of their labours. All classes will be planting sunflower seeds next week as we will be having a sunflower growing competition for a little bit of fun.

Please continue to encourage your child to read at home. At least 10 minutes of reading everyday makes a very positive impact on reading ability and confidence.

Don't forget that Monday is a bank holiday and therefore we will be back at school on Tuesday. I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Wood
Headteacher



Attendance News:

For the academic year our attendance target is 97%. As a school we monitor attendance daily to ensure that pupils in school and making the most of the learning opportunities on offer and make expected progress during the year.

| Whole School Attendance: 95.9% | | | | | |
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| Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
| 95.2% | 97.1% | 96.4% | 93.8% | 98.5% | 92.4% |

Weekend COVID-19 Updates

If your child has a positive Covid-19 test or develops symptoms over the weekend, please contact the school on: office.watergall@limetrust.org or 07907 853657. Please ensure that you are checking your Parentmail communications for any updates on bubble closures.

Reminder – Bank Holiday – Monday 3rd May

This is just to remind you that Monday 3rd May is a Bank Holiday. School will be closed on this day. We will re-open on Tuesday 4th May.

This week's FANTASTICs

This week, we are focusing on the FANTASTICs. The nine FANTASTIC lenses help children to prepare language and organise it under nine clear headings. The next two lenses in the FANTASTICs are Action and Smelling. Under the Action lens, children explore the notion of how a character moves through the story. Under the Smelling lens, children explore what something smells like.



First Aid

We have now updated our first aid procedure in school. If your child has received first aid you will be notified by text or email. Your child will no longer bring a first aid slip home.

The Big Ask

The Big Ask: An exciting opportunity for every child in England to have their voice heard.



The Big Ask is a survey for children and young people aged 4-17 in England and is the largest consultation with children and young people ever conducted! It was set up by Rachel de Souza who is the Children's Commissioner for England. Her job is to speak up for children, stand up for their rights and make sure that people in power listen to what children need and want.

The survey, which can be accessed at www.thebigask.uk, is active until 19th May 2021. It will be used to tell the government what children think and what they need to live happier lives. The survey is anonymous and takes 5-10 minutes to complete. It would be great if you would allow your child/ren to access the survey and take part!

In preparation for this, children have watched a 5 minute video in class outlining why they should participate in the survey.

Headlice

We have had several cases of head lice within school. Can you please check your child's hair and treat if necessary?

Dinner Menu w/c: 3rd May

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| Monday | School Closed – Bank Holiday | |
| Tuesday | Pork meatballs & pasta in a tomato sauce Quorn meatballs Cheese sandwich Peas, sweetcorn | Sponge & custard Yoghurt & fruit Cheese & biscuits |
| Wednesday | Roast chicken Yorkshire pudding Quorn fillet Jacket potato with cheese & beans Roast potatoes, broccoli, carrots | Jelly & ice cream Yoghurt & fruit Cheese & biscuits |
| Thursday | Meat Pizza Cheese Pizza Ham roll Beans | Fudge Tart Yoghurt & fruit Cheese & biscuits |
| Friday | Chicken & Veg kebab Quorn & veg kebab Jacket potato with tuna mayo Wedges, mixed veg | Oat & raisin cookie Yoghurt & fruit Cheese & biscuits |

Questions of the week:

We are aware that sometimes it is tricky for children to talk to parents about their learning from the week or that sometimes you get the answer “nothing” for all school questions. Therefore, we are now going to provide a prompt question for each year group every week, so that you can ask your child and get them talking about their amazing learning.

| | Prompt for learning question of the week |
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| EYFS | Who is your favourite real-life superhero and what is their job? |
| Year 1 | How do Jewish families celebrate Shabbat? |
| Year 2 | What is the ISS? What are the essential needs of the people on board the ISS? |
| Year 3 | Who are the Trimurti? |
| Year 4 | What do you think Marinka will find at the market in <i>The House with Chicken Legs</i> ? |
| Year 5 | What is a solution? Can you give an example? |
| Year 6 | What do you know about evolution? |

PE days

Children can come to school on their PE days in their PE kit.

| | First session | Second session |
|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| EYFS | Wednesday | Friday |
| Year 1 – 1CL | Wednesday | Thursday |
| Year 1 – 1VH | Tuesday | Thursday |
| Year 2 | Monday | Friday |
| Year 3 | Monday | Tuesday |
| Year 4 | Wednesday | Thursday |
| Year 5 | Monday | Thursday |
| Year 6 | Tuesday | Friday |

Swimming

Year 5 will not be swimming next week due to the bank holiday. The last swimming session for year 5 will be on Monday 24 May. Year 4 will start swimming on Monday 14 June.

NSPCC Number Fun Day



Friday 7th May is the NSPCC Number Day. We will be celebrating this in school with lots of exciting Number Fun challenges and games for the children to take part in across the school during the day. We will also be sending out a Family Maths challenge for you to complete at home and then enter a competition for a small donation. If you would like to donate to this charity then you can by ParentMail. Thank you for your continued support.