



Newsletter

21st July 2023



Basic Skills

Creativity

Emotional Literacy

Positive Contribution

Message from Mrs Bradbury...

What a fantastic year it has been! The last few weeks have been so busy. Our Y6 children have left on a high after an incredible end of year show and fantastic residential. We have heard that they are doing brilliantly in their new schools. Through school, children have had three days of transition into their new classes. Their new teachers report that everyone worked really hard and made a good impression. The children's end of year reports and end of year test results have shown just how hard they have worked. A real achievement of the year is how many children now regularly read at home each week. We have been so close to achieving 100% in all classes. Hopefully, next year we will achieve this ... our best result was 311 out of 324 children having done extra reading at home or at playtime.

SATs

*Our Y6 SATs results have come back and shown that we are at National Standard in maths and well **above National Standard in all other areas**. This is testament to the hard work of the staff team and the children. We are delighted with these results and will continue to build on them in the coming years. Y4 smashed the MTC check with our best ever results for children getting over 20/25. Our Y2 children have also done incredibly well and shown just what they are made of with a set of wonderful results. Our Y1 children have shown good results in phonics and those accessing extra phonics teaching have shown phenomenal progress. Finally our Class 3 and 4 children have achieved well and compare to National Standard.*

Ofsted

*I am delighted to inform you that we finally have our Ofsted report back and we continue to be a good school. A team of 4 inspectors (3 official and one unofficially as an observer) came to school on the 13th and 14th of June and conducted an in-depth look at our school. It is fair to say that no stone was unturned and they were exceptionally thorough. We achieved **GOOD** in all areas and are thrilled to say that our Personal Development curriculum has been judged as **OUTSTANDING**. We could not be happier with this as it is everything that we believe in. The inspectors said that we were "exceptional" in this area. In particular, they commented on how well the children could talk about our four key values (basic skills, emotional literacy, creativity and making a positive contribution) and that their lived experience in the school embedded these.*

Thankyou!

*Thank you to all of the parents for all of your support throughout the year. Thanks to all of the staff for making a difference each and every day and thank you to the children for always aiming high and being the best that they can be. We all make our school and community what it is and we are all working together for the good of our children. It is such a privilege to lead our exceptional school. **Have a lovely summer and enjoy your time together! I hope that as many of you as possible have a go at the summer challenge – I know I will with my family.***

End of Year Learning Awards

Congratulations to all of our award winners. The staff had a very difficult job in deciding on the winners as the children have worked SO hard all year. It was lovely to celebrate the children's successes in our Thursday assembly.

Class	Learning Award Winner of the Year
REY	Oliver Y
Clever Kittens	Charlotte M
1	Thomas A
2	Noah B
3	Amelia Y
4	Bruce C
5	Millie B
6	Gracie Leigh P
7	Eliza S
8	Isabelle H
9	Elliott M
10	Dominic
11	Mia H
12	Alice M
13	Jack B
14	Tamara K
Staff	Mrs Widdowson

Reminder 7th September is when we return to school

We look forward to welcoming you back on this date.

School Lunches 2023-24

School lunches are provided by Rotherham Borough Council. The council have put their prices up for 2023-24 to reflect the increased cost of ingredients. For 2023-24, dinners will be £2.60 per day. Even with this cost, school do subsidise some of the cost.

Late Marks

New government guidance states that registers must close 30 minutes after the start of the school day. After this point we are unable to use the L code.

KS2 (Classes 7-14) and Y2 (Classes 5 and 6) begin the day at 8:40

Y1 (Classes 3 and 4), REY and Foundation Stage (Classes 1 and 2) begin at 8:45

In all classes except Clever Kittens, the first lesson of the day begins at 8:55 and is either maths (Y1-6) or phonics (in Foundation Stage). The first part of the lesson is the teach input so arriving late or not attending will have an impact on your child's learning.



Summer Challenge 2023!

Name

Complete as many of these activities as possible over the summer! Write the date, adults initial and then colour each box when complete so you can track your progress.

Play an active game like hide and seek or tig	Go for a walk or use your bike or scooter	Play a sport with a ball		Read a book
Go on a bug hunt – how many different creatures can you find?		Visit somewhere (or someone) that you love	Make a den	Have an hour without using electricity – can you do it?
Walk in the woods – how many different types of tree can you spot?	Read a book and make your own bookmark	Star gaze - Go on a night time walk with an adult and look at the stars	Visit (free) gallery, library or museum	Sort out the recycling
Do three good deeds today for someone in your family	Have a picnic – inside or out	Try something new		Go to the park
Plant wildflowers and see them grow over the summer		Read a book with an animal in it	Make a 'picture' using natural materials (pebbles, leaves etc) like artist James Brunt	Make your own ice lollies by freezing squash, smoothies or yoghurts
Do a science experiment	Bake something. It could be a cake, buns biscuits or something else.		Make a poster about nature/ the environment	Help in the garden, sort the recycling or litter pick
	Upcycle - recycle to make something new (e.g. a model, clothes, sock puppet)	Use plastic bottles to make your own bowling game – recycle them afterwards	Read a book to someone else	Play in the water (puddle, paddling pool, sink, water fight, beach etc)
Help to make a meal or snack	Go on a maths/ number hunt. How many different numbers can you find? What to they total?		Make fruit kebabs or apple crisps	Make someone laugh (Could you tell them jokes?)
Visit a library or (free) gallery or museum		Go to a park/ farm/ zoo/ lake/ duck pond to see animals	Use a bike, scooter or public transport rather than a car	Make a cosy place and read a book in it

Make your own mini Olympics in the garden and set up races/ obstacle courses	Go somewhere that you have never been before		Roll down a big hill (could be on a bike or scooter or just rolling down)	Make a bug hotel or nature area in your garden or in the woods
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