

Newsletter



October 2024

Basic Skills

Creativity

Emotional Literacy

Positive Contribution

Message from Mrs Bradbury...

We are really pleased with the learning that the children have done so far this half term. All classes are working hard and there have been so many achievements. In assembly, we have introduced 'Maths Masters' and 'Presentation Perfectionists' and one person from each class (or maths group) is nominated each week. The children have responded so well to this and are really keen to improve their skills and gain a nomination. All those nominated have received a huge 20 house points and get to place their nomination into the prize draw. At the end of the half term, four hard-working students will be drawn out to receive a bonus £20 voucher. You can help by encouraging your child to practise and improve their presentation and be an active part of maths lessons.

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the harvest festival in school. As ever, we are blown away by the generosity of our community. All donations will go to Charlie's Pantry to help our community.

Parent and Carer Survey

Before the summer, we conducted our annual parent and carer survey. We are pleased to report that the survey was extremely positive in every area. 98% of parents and carers identified that the school provides a good range of subjects. 97% of parents responded that the wider personal development is supported at school – this is something that Ofsted recognised as outstanding and beyond what other schools offer. 98% of parents and carers responded positively that their child does well at Redscope. 98% of parents and carers responded that Redscope promotes a love of reading which is something that is very important to all of us in the Redscope team. We asked a range of additional questions to help us plan the year ahead and trial new approaches.

You said ... You would be prepared to pay more for school trips and experiences and would sooner the children have the experience.

We did ... We have expanded the amount of school trips and visits, therefore increasing the contributions slightly. We will monitor this closely this year as school cannot afford to subsidise visits beyond what we do already. If we do not get sufficient contributions then we will have to cancel visits. Where we do have a subsidy this is for ALL children so all families get the saving for instance our Murton Park visit should cost £31.50, but school are contributing to make the experience cheaper for all families.

You said ... You would like the newsletter once per month.

We did ... We have introduced a monthly newsletter rather than fortnightly.

You said... You would like more communication about what your child is learning and doing at school.

We did ... We have introduced dojo to all classes. This means that you get an insight into school life in terms of photographs of the class learning and a weekly update about the learning and that for the week ahead. This is a good time to remind you that teachers are expected to be teaching rather than blogging so will just be updating/ uploading photos once per week (unless there is a trip or special occasion). Dojo is not the place to air any complaints or for negative comments etc.

You said You would like to know what homework is expected each week and would like children to practise their maths more regularly (in paper form).

We did ... Alongside our expectation of weekly reading (minimum 3 times) and weekly spellings, we have introduced a paper-based weekly arithmetic task. We have made this the same format each week so that the children are used to it and so that you know that it is to complement the weekly arithmetic sessions in school. Any learning set on this, will have been taught in class. By having the same format, there should be less opportunity for the children to be stuck on anything as it should be familiar to them. As new learning is introduced or recapped it will be added to the arithmetic questions. Weekly spellings and arithmetic are also put onto Dojo. The maths home learning is alongside using TTrackstars and Numbots which are online.

You said... You would be happy to support a wide variety of fun events for the children and fundraise for school.

We did ... We have already introduced our 'Redscope Pumpkin Patch' for 21st October after school. This is a ticket only event so please see the office or pay on Arbor if your child would like a ticket. The strongest response was for after school discos so we have implemented this straight away with our spooky disco and other events pencilled in for later in the year.

We hope that it has been helpful to have as many events as possible e.g. Christmas Concerts, Sports day etc confirmed at this point of the year so that you can plan time off work if attending.

Attendance and Lateness

The Trust attendance target is 97% and whilst we understand that children have illnesses they should be in school as much as possible so that they are achieving the best outcomes.

School attendance so far this year is **94.94%**

104 hours of learning has been missed so far this year due to lateness

Please help us to help you by:

- Try to telephone the school before 8.30am each day of your child's absence.
- Tell the school in advance, of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters.
- If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival.
- Have a backup plan for if your child misses transport, call on a family member, neighbour or friend.
- If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

What's coming up.....

Parents Evenings

Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th October- virtual meetings

Wednesday 16th October -Face to face meetings

**TIMES TABLES
ROCKSTARS**

Friday 18th October

Battle of the band Launch day

Children are invited to come dressed up as rockstars for the day!!

There is no cost for this event



Don't forget Monday 21st October is our 1st ever Pumpkin Patch!

Tickets are still available from the office in cash or on Arbor for £5 each (Includes entry to the event and pumpkin).

- PUMPKIN PICKING
- PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES
- SCARECROW SEARCH



Plus other activities at extra cost: face painting, chocolate apples and refreshments and more.

Non-Uniform Day

Friday 25th October

We are asking for a £1 donation or a chocolate item to be donated for the chocolate tombola.

Odd Socks Day

Tuesday 12th November

To celebrate we are all 'unique' as part of antibullying week.



Spooooky Disco

Wednesday 23rd October

KS1 3-4pm

£3.50 ticket

includes a snack and drink

KS2 4.15-5.15pm

£3 a ticket

Snack shop will be available

Tickets available on Arbor



Can we remind you....

Breakfast Club

Everyday we offer breakfast club for our children from 7.45am.

- £3.00 FS2- Y6
- £4.00 REY and Clever Kittens

Rainbows

Every day we offer after school childcare. This is across in our REY building.

- Home time to 4:30 Children have a light snack e.g. toast £5.50
- Home time to 5:30 Children have a bigger snack e.g. beans on toast £10

Clubs must be **booked and paid** for in advance on Arbor.

Parking

Zig zag lines outside of school are there to protect our children and not to be parked across.

Please can we remind you the car park is for staff use only and should be used under no circumstances unless agreed in an emergency.

Cashless

We are now cashless school and any payments must be made through Arbor.

Lunchcare and Dinners

All school meals should be paid for in advance on Arbor. Huge thanks to the vast majority of parents who do this.

Reading

All children are expected to read 3 times per week and parents must write in the reading diaries for teachers to check.



Key Dates for 2024- 25

Please note, we have one more INSET day and are awaiting confirmation from another training provider. This is likely to be in the Spring Term.

Month	Day	Event
October	Mon 14 th	Proposed Harvest Festival (TBC) Please send in donations of packets or tinned items
	Wed 16 th	Parents' Evening in person (Individual teachers will also give a remote option on either Tuesday 15 th or Thursday 17 th)
	Fri 18 th	TT Rockstars Day – dress as a Rockstar and celebrate all things maths. (No charge for this event)
	Mon 21 st	Redscope Pumpkin Patch 3:30 – 5:30
	Wed 23 rd	Spooky Disco fundraiser
	Fri 25 th	Non Uniform Day – Either a £1 donation or chocolate item ready for the chocolate tombola
	Sat 26 th – Sun 3 rd Nov	Half Term
November	Mon 4 th	INSET DAY
	Mon 11 th	Collect from class (Reception to Y6)
	11 th – 15 th	Anti-Bullying week
	Tue 12 th	Odd Sock Day – wear odd socks to support anti-bullying (no charge)
	Fri 15 th	Children in Need – Pennies for Pudsey (Bring in 1p and 2p coins to cover as many pictures of Pudsey as we can)
December	Tue 3 rd	KS1 (Class 3,4,5,6) Christmas Concert am (Tickets for Year 1 parents) Reception Christmas Concert pm
	Wed 4 th	KS1 Christmas Concert am (Tickets for Year 2 parents) KS2 Christmas Concert pm (Tickets for Classes 7,9,11,13 parents)
	Thur 5 th	KS2 Christmas Concert pm (Tickets for Classes 8,10,12,14 parents)
	Fri 6 th	Christmas Dinner day – wear Christmas Jumpers (No charge for jumpers) Free In school pantomime (paid for from fundraising).
	Mon 9 th	REY/ Clever Kittens Christmas Sing -a-long/ concerts (am and pm)
	Wed 11 th	Christmas Fayre after school
	Tue 17 th	KS1 and Reception Christmas parties
	Thur 19 th	KS2, Clever Kittens and REY Christmas parties
	Sat 21 st – Sun 5 th Jan	Christmas Holidays
January	Tue 21 st	Collect from class
	Friday 24 th	Funky Hair day (£1 donation and prizes for creative examples)
February	Sat 15 th – Sun 23 rd	Half Term
	Mon 24 th	INSET day
	Wed 26 th	Y6 Parents' Evening – in person (remote option on either the Tuesday or Thursday)
	Thur 27 th	Collect from class
March	Thur 6 th	World Book Day – Wear pyjamas to celebrate bedtime stories 9No charge)
	10 th – 14 th	Science Week in school
	Thur 13 th	Boggledy Book fayre (£1, £2, £3 books)
	Fri 21 st	Comic Relief
	Wed 26 th	Parents' Eve (All year groups except Y6) Remote options offered by the teacher on either Tuesday or Thursday)
	Sat 29 th – Sun 13 th April	EASTER holiday

April	Wed 16th	Easter Disco
	Fri 18 th	Good Friday – School closed
	Mon 21 st	Easter Monday – School closed
May	Mon 1 st	Collect from class
	12 th – 15 th	Y6 SATs – Y6 pupils must attend during this week
	19 th – 23 rd	Careers Week
	Fri 23 rd	Non Uniform day - £1 donation or bring a bottle for the Summer fayre tombola
	Sat 24th – Sun 1st June	Spring Bank Holiday
June	Mon 2rd	INSET DAY
	3 rd – 13 th	Y4 MTC check – Y4 must be in school during this period
	9 th – 13 th	Y1 Phonics Screen Check – Y1 must attend school during this period
	9 th – 12 th	Y6 residential
	Mon 9 th	Collect from class
	Sat 14 th	Summer Fayre
	Fri 27 th	Sports day (If weather allows)
July	Fri 18th and Mon 21st	Transition to new classes
	Thur 24th to Sept	Summer Holidays

Thank you for all of your support.