

Newsletter

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Dear families,

This week we have had our introduction to Black History Month in our diversity assembly on Tuesday. Throughout the month the children will share, celebrate and understand the impact of black heritage and culture; they will be listening to interviews to explore the experiences and contributions of people from communities across the UK. You can find out more with your child [by clicking this link](#) to some resources to help families talk about Black History at home.

Thank you to those who have been parking elsewhere rather than Kingston Avenue in a bid to make children's route to and from school as safe as possible. As part of being a healthy school, we encourage children to walk, scoot or cycle to school. Scooter and cycle racks are available for children to leave their scooters and bikes during the day. For safety reasons, we ask that when on school site, scooters and bikes are pushed rather than ridden so that no one is accidentally biked into. Please could you also remind children to be mindful of others on school lane.

It was great to welcome some of the Year 3 and 4 parents in this week to our first celebration assembly of the year for lower school. We hope you enjoyed celebrating with us.

Don't forget, if you would like to order your child's Christmas card design, please complete your order online and return the design to school by **13th October**. **We must have the design to be able to return it.**



Call Just One Number on **0300 300 0123** or text **07520 631590** with any questions or concerns about your child's health, wellbeing or development. Their clinical team are able to support over the telephone, video call or text, and work with you to understand how best to support you and your family.

Opening hours are Monday – Friday 8am – 6pm and 9am to 1pm on Saturday's. Weekly online child health drop ins: Every Tuesday 10am – 11am. Speak to a health professional via video call about your child age 0 – 19. You can get advice about infant feeding, healthy lifestyles, child development, emotional health, behaviour and sleep and much more!


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Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 92.23%

Class	%	Congratulations to 4BW who are our Attendance Winners this week with a fantastic 100%! 
3D	99.2	
3E	92.14	
3S	96.54	
4BW	100	
4B	98.46	
4H	97.6	
5JK	94.64	
5M	87.5	
5B	92.07	
6T	85.0	
6B	91.43	
6W	89.62	

If your child is unable to attend school due to illness, please call the school on 01493 378300. If your child has a medical appointment during school time, please let the school office know in advance.

Celebrations

Pupil of the Week is awarded during our celebration assembly on a Friday. Awards are given to one child in every class by their teachers. The awards celebrate good work and behaviour, as well as examples of good citizenship and friendship to others or for any behaviour or activity that positively reflects the school values and

show a good example to other children in school. This week...

Pupil of the Week	
3D	Jessica
3E	Lola
3S	Leo
4BW	Samuel
4B	Millie
4H	Sarah-Grace
5JK	Reilly
5M	Millie
5B	Ollie
6T	William
6B	Casey
6W	Isla

We also award two 'Recognition Awards' weekly which are children chosen by Miss Watling and Miss Cambridge because they have done something exceptional. This week they are awarded to **Riley** (Year 6) and **Oscar** (Year 3).

Once a month (the last Thursday/Friday of every month) parents are invited to join us for celebration assemblies. In those assemblies we award 'Pupil of the Month' awards which are the awards where parents of those children receive a text to invite them along. However, all parents are warmly welcome to attend.

Pupil of the Month	
3D	Eleanor
3E	Umaiza
3S	Ida
4BW	Cohen

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4B	Jacob
4H	Felicity
Acorns	Henry

Our next celebration assemblies for this academic year are:

Thursday 19th 8.55am Year 5 & 6

Friday 20th October 8.55am Year 3 & 4

Please ensure your child has a change of footwear so they can go on the field at breaks and lunchtimes. Children who do not have a change of footwear will not be able to access the field.

Thank you.

Miss Watling

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Key dates for the diary		
October 2023	Black History Month	As part of their PSHE lessons, the children learn about diversity and discuss the importance of equality throughout the year. October is Black History Month where we learn about and celebrate the contribution black people have made over the centuries in shaping the dynamic and diverse country we have today. In school we will be learning about the language of equality.
Monday 16 th October	Sit and see	We invite parents and carers to collect their children at normal time and then come to the classroom to see the children's work and talk with them about their learning.
Thursday 19 th October	Year 5 & 6 celebration assembly 8.55am	<p>Once a month (usually the last Thursday – upper school/Friday – lower school) of every month, parents are invited to join us for celebration assemblies.</p> <p>In those assemblies we award 'Pupil of the Month' awards which are the awards where parents of those children receive a text to invite them along. There will be other celebrations such as golden book and pupil of the week too!</p> <p>All parents are warmly welcome to attend our end of month celebration assemblies – we hope you can join us!</p>
Friday 20 th October	Year 3 & 4 celebration assembly 8.55am	
Friday 20 th October	End of this half term	Children return to school Monday 30 th October 2022.
Monday 30 th October	Start of Autumn 2	Children return to school today.
Monday 6 th November	Parent consultation evening	More information to follow
Wednesday 8 th November	Parent consultation evening	More information to follow
November 17 th	Children in Need Day	More information to follow
Wednesday 20 th December	Last day of Autumn term	Children finish today for Christmas holidays

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