



Spring Newsletter 2 19/01/2018

Dear Parents,

Another busy, blustery week; please remind your child to bring their hats and gloves to keep warm outside.

In class this week

Beech class

In Beech class we have been adding 1 and taking away 1 using pirates. For our novel study we have been reading *Pizza for Pirates* and have designed and made our own pizzas. We have then written how we made it.

Holly Class

In Holly class this week, the Y2s have been looking at arrays to help us understand multiplication and the Y1s have been learning different counting patterns including 2, 5 and 10. In Literacy we have started to research information about British woodland animals for our information books. We have also been learning to sew!

Oak Class

In Oak class this week we have been looking at short multiplication and division. During Literacy we have really enjoyed looking at the characters of *Oliver*, *The Artful Dodger* and *Fagin*. For our project work we have started a DT topic looking at kites. We hope to make our own over the course of the term.

Sycamore Class

Sycamore class have learned about David Hockney and have been creating photo montages. Year 5 have been writing some persuasive letters to Mrs Hopkins whilst year 6 have been writing a short mystery story. Both year 5 and 6 have been working hard on multiplication, division and problem solving.

Learning and teaching overviews should be in book bags today and posted on our website over the weekend.

Keep Safe Club

Children in Oak and Sycamore classes will be taking part in a special community police-led workshop on Wednesday next week, as part of their PHSE studies. The workshops are designed for Primary School children and they will be learning strategies to help them keep safe.

Next Year's Term dates

Next year's term dates are on the reverse of this newsletter, as requested by a number of parents. They will be published on the website shortly.

School Car Park

Please could I remind you to take great care when driving in and out of the car park. I appreciate that everyone is busy in the morning but the car park is becoming quite a dangerous place. When leaving the premises, there is a public footpath to cross and so exiting VERY SLOWLY and being prepared to stop quickly if people are walking to school, is essential. If you have any suggestions regarding improving the situation (other than extending the facility, which we are not allowed to do!) please drop us an email.

Thank you once again for your patience when we had to close the car park this week.

The children have been beautifully behaved and have made me really happy with their positivity and enthusiasm. It is always such a delight to come here...despite my hair being blown about in the Waltham winds!!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs J V Hopkins
Executive Head teacher

DLAT School Terms and Holidays

Please contact individual schools for local variations in the holiday pattern

Academic Year 2018-2019

		No of working days
Autumn Term		
August Bank Holiday	Monday 27 th August 2018	
Schools Open	Tuesday 28 th August 2018	79
Mid Term Break	Monday 15 th - Friday 19 th October 2018	
Schools Close	Friday 21 st December 2018	
Spring Term		
Schools Open	Monday 7 th January 2019	
Mid Term Break	Monday 18 th - Friday 22 nd February 2019	65
Schools Close	Friday 12 th April 2019	
Summer Term		
Schools Open	Monday 29 th April 2019	
May Day	Monday 6 th May 2019	49
Mid Term Break	Monday 27 th -Friday 31 st May 2019	
Schools Close	Friday 12 th July 2019	
		193 days

Teacher Days

Friday 24th August 2018

Friday 4th January 2019

A total of 3 in-service training days for staff will be taken by each school from the 193 days given above, leaving 190 term days for pupils