

**Friday 28th May
2021**

Dear Parents and carers,

This week in our School

This week the children have been learning about the following topics.

Reception: On the move—Mountains
Years 1&2: History—Castles/Florence Nightingale
Years 3&4: Science—Forces and Magnets
Year 5: History—WW2
Year 6: Drama and performing



Celebrations

| Class | Star | Presentation | Reading | Mathletics |
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| R | Bobby M | Jaxon Mc | | Joey D |
| 1 | Arianna Mc-R | Jeni H | Amelia M Donnie T | |
| 2 | Luisa J | Anna S | Amelia G | |
| 3 | Logan D | Phoenix P | | Ivy-Mae P <i>(Silver & Gold)</i> Michael G <i>(Silver & Gold)</i> |
| 4 | Flynn D | James G | | Morgan H <i>(Silver)</i> |
| 5 | Harriet M | Freya H | | |
| 6 | Logan B | Liam W | | Isabelle M <i>(Silver)</i> |
| Headteacher Awards: Amelia M (1) and Phoenix P (3) | | | | |

Topics—Week beginning Tuesday 8th June

Next week the children will be working on the following topics:

Reception: On the move—Deserts
Years 1&2: Art—Guiseppe Arcimboldo
Years 3&4: Science—Electricity
Year 5: Science—Changes
Year 6: Drama and Music

Attendance / Lateness

As you are aware we carry out reviews of attendance at key points in the year. At the start of the new half term we will be carrying out our next review. The national target is at least 96% attendance, ideally 100%! Where children have not achieved (excluding COVID lockdown days) we will be issuing letters to parents to ensure they are fully aware of their child's attendance record. Where patterns of absence are also identified, such as, absence occurs the same day of the week we will also be writing to parents in order to establish reasons for this and address the issue.

Once again, we would also like to remind you that gates are locked at **8:45am prompt** and if you should arrive late an adult needs to report the reason for the lateness to the school office.

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Coats

Whilst we are hoping that the weather will begin to improve, unfortunately the weather is still very changeable. We still have several children arriving in school with no coats. Wherever possible we encourage children to be outdoors at break times and lunch times, therefore, we ask children have a coat in school in case they should need it.

Water Bottles

We encourage children to drink water regularly and would appreciate it if you could ensure your child has their own water bottle each day. Only plain water, not squash or sparkling, is allowed in school.

School Cloud

This week we issued instructions regarding registering for the School Cloud system to enable teachers to carry out virtual (online) meetings. These instructions have either been sent home with the children so may be in their school bag or where we have been aware that families have multiple households, and we hold contact details, we have also posted copies of the instructions to ensure all parents are aware of the new procedures. Registration opens at 4pm tomorrow and we kindly ask that the time arranged is mutually agreeable to both parents as there will be one meeting per child.

Music and Art Project (KS2)

The children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3 to 6) have been taking part in a music project with Highlights (a charity we have been working with for a number of years). The 'My Minute of Music' project combines listening skills, recording skills and art skills. When the project is complete in all schools Highlights intend to create a digital display of the work. As soon as we hear when this is available we will inform parents. As always we are extremely proud of our children as they have received lots of positive feedback from Kate, who has been leading the project, regarding their attitude to learning and enthusiasm.

Dates for the future

| Date | Year group | Event | Notes |
|-------------------------|------------|--|---------|
| 2021 | | | |
| 28th May (Friday) | All | School closes for half term (3:15pm) | |
| 7th June (Monday) | All | School closed—Training Day | |
| 8th June (Tuesday) | All | School reopens New pre-reception children start | |
| 6th July (Tuesday) | All | Transition Day—new classes | Y6-DCHS |
| 16th July (Friday) | All | School closes for Summer (2:00pm) | |
| 7th September (Tuesday) | All | School reopens | |

Regards
Mr G Parnaby
Headteacher