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PARENTS' EVENINGS

Many parents have already booked in to see class teachers for our Spring Parents' evenings on week beginning Monday 18th March. It is our aim for teachers to see parents of ALL children to share vital information about their attainment and progress and highlight any concerns we may have. If you haven't already booked, please get in touch with us soon. Please ensure that you attend on the evening and at the time you have booked and be mindful that appointments are limited to 10 minutes as teachers have

many parents to see.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Our School Target is 97%
OVERALL LAST WEEK (R-Y4): 96.5%

	Last Week	This Year	Lates this week
YN (Seahorses)	87.8%	91.6%	0
YR (Turtles)	94.0%	95.4%	1
Y1 (Jellyfish)	97.3%	94.7%	2
Y2 (Puffins)	94.8%	94.8%	0
Y3 (Sharks)	94.0%	94.3%	2
Y4 (Penguins)	92.1%	96.9%	2

NON -UNIFORM DAY-BRING AN EASTER EGG!

Our PTA will once again be holding their Easter Chocolate raffle to be drawn following assembly on Thursday 28th March. As Easter eggs are now on sale in shops we are happy to accept donations from now. We will also be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 15th March where children are invited to come to school in their own clothes in exchange for an easter egg donation for our raffle. This is usually a great fundraiser for our PTA so please give generously to help out.



Tickets for the raffle are on sale now from the school office at £1 a strip.

Y4 BIKEABILITY TRAINING

Well done to all of the Y4 children who took part in Bikeability training yesterday. They learned and practised a range of cycling safety skills and took part in games involving balance and control. The children were today awarded their Bikeability Level One badge and handbooks and are now hopefully much safer riders. We were pleased to see that most of the children in class have cycle helmets and hope that they will wear these at all times when cycling.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

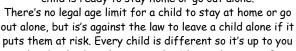
Parents are reminded that there is an expectation that pupils come to school each day in appropriate school uniform in line with our school uniform policy which can be found <u>HERE</u>. Please note that uniform footwear is 'flat black shoes with closed toes'. We generally accept children wearing black boots but these can be uncomfortable for children when they are sitting on the floor. On PE and Swimming days children can come to school wearing joggers/shorts and trainers with top half uniform only. We appreciate that



there are times when children may need to be in different footwear—please let us know at the office if this is the case.

HOME OR OUT ALONE

This week in assembly we spoke with the children about keeping safe when playing out. As the nights start to become lighter, children will begin to want to play outside more and parents will feel under more pressure to allow this. The NSPCC guide that is attached with this newsletter is very useful in helping you to decide if your child is ready to stay home or go out alone.



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ALL HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2023-24 and 2024-25 CAN BE FOUND ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE <u>HERE</u>.

WORLD BOOK DAY CELEBRATIONS

Well done to all of the families who went to the effort of sending the children into school in costumes representing their favourite book characters today. We've added lots of photos to our Facebook Page. We're pleased to announce that the winners of our World Book Day photo competition are: Henry Kendall, Zane Ramsay, Zoe Tuff, Eva Mather, Kacey Crook and Jennie Tuff.

All children who entered the competition have received a small prize.

Today, all of the children in school will come home with a £1 World Book Day token that can be used towards a book or exchanged for a book at some retailers.

World Book Day really helps highlight the influence of books on our lives and the importance that should be put on reading with our children at every opportunity.

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