School Snippets

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Welcome to the new half term. We hope you all had a lovely week's holiday.

Attendance Winners

Class: Y3 Beech

Raffle: Xavier

Team Points

Joint Winners:

Aire - 50 Foss - 50

An exciting day!

Tomorrow we have organized a Scootering (for Apple and Willow Classes) and Skateboarding (for Beech & Sycamore Classes) day run by Action Sports Schools, using our Sports Funding.

The company will bring all the equipment needed. Children can come in their PE kit, but please ensure they are wearing long 'bottoms' and appropriate outdoor footwear.





A few key dates...

Mon 19th Feb - 23rd Feb

Sponsored Read Event

Tues 20th Feb

Scootering & Skateboarding Day

Tues 5th Mar – Mon 11th Mar

Book Fair

Thurs 7th Mar

World Book Day - come dressed in Pyjamas!

Wed 13th Mar & Thur 14th Mar

Parents Evenings (bookings go live on Parentmail at noon on Wed 21st Feb) Please note appointments for Y4 are only available on Thurs 14th

Tues 19th Mar

Easter Service at St Mary's Church (children only)

Fri 22nd Mar

- Easter Event (details to be confirmed)
- School Closes for Easter Holidays

Our curriculum drivers are:



Community



Aspiration



Resilience



Empathy



National Measles Incident

The United Kingdom Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has declared a national incident following Measles outbreaks in London and West Midlands. The best protection against measles for children and adults is to get both doses of the MMR vaccine.

In response to this we would like to share with you the advice from UKHSA currently:

Measles is a highly infectious, serious illness that can be very unpleasant. Those most at risk are under 1's, the unvaccinated, immunocompromised or pregnant woman. There is no specific treatment available, so it is important to get vaccinated to avoid serious illness.

If you and your child have been vaccinated, it's very unlikely you will catch Measles.

Symptoms of Measles

- Usually starts with cold-like symptoms
- High fever
- Sore red watery eyes
- Cough and/or runny nose

Small red spots with bluish-white centres inside the mouth

• A red/brown blotchy rash which appears several days later, rough to the touch.

You should keep your child away from school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appeared and until they are completely recovered.

Keep your child away from babies, anyone who is pregnant and those with a weakened immune system.

'THINK' Measles

If you think your child has measles or has been in contact in the last 3 weeks with someone with a confirmed case of measles, then please stay at home and call your GP surgery.

- DO NOT bring your child to school or nursery.
- DO NOT visit the GP surgery/ out of hours, or Hospital.
- CALL ahead to the GP surgery so measures can be put in place for your arrival.

Children in school who are suspected of having measles will be isolated and parents will be asked to collect promptly.

Vaccination

If you are unsure about whether your child is due a vaccine or has missed a vaccination you can check your vaccination status by calling your GP surgery or checking your 'red book'. If your child has missed one of their MMR's call your GP surgery and book an appointment.

The MMR schedule is usually 1 vaccine at 12 months old and a 2nd vaccine at pre-school, around 3 years and 4 months. For adults it's never too late to get vaccinated. Adults require 2 vaccines at 4 weeks apart.

You can request a version of the MMR vaccine that does not contain pork products from your GP surgery, making it suitable for all faiths. Please note that the GP practice may need to order this product in specially, so it will be helpful to tell the GP surgery before the appointment.

MMR vaccine is not advised during pregnancy, those women of childbearing age should avoid getting pregnant for at least 4 weeks following vaccination.

Pregnant women are advised to contact their midwife/GP surgery if they believe they have come into contact with Measles. Pregnant women who suspect they might have Measles should not go to antenatal clinic or any other maternity setting until they have been assessed. The information provided by UKHSA, should provide clarity and reassurance. We ask that you remain vigilant over the half term holiday and if you are in any doubt about sending your child into school unwell, we would appreciate you considering keeping them at home. Please follow the links below for further information and guidance:

- Measles NHS (www.nhs.uk)
- Think Measles! (publishing service.gov.uk)
- MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccine - NHS (www.nhs.uk)
- Pregnant? Immunisation helps to protect you and your baby from infectious diseases (publishing. Services.gov.uk