



Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

This half of the term has flown by! A reminder that the children will return school, after the half-term break on **Monday 20th February 2023**. One activity you might like to do during the break is to visit the Burton Art Gallery: <https://www.burtonartgallery.co.uk/exhibitions-activities/brick-by-brick/?portfolioCats=12> The Brick by Brick exhibition gathers the work of 18 artists, designers and photographers from around the world who use LEGO® bricks their medium or inspiration. Using this simple plastic construction block as their starting point, they have created stunning, thought provoking and often humorous artworks.



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Class Assemblies

Well done to Class 1 for a super assembly this morning. The children were brilliant and all ages from Nursery to Year 2 shared their learning about penguins with confidence and most importantly it was clear that they had really enjoyed their topic. It was great to see parents and carers who were able to attend. We will be repeating the assembly on Friday 10th February at 9:15 am. If anyone wasn't able to join us today and would like to come on Friday, they would be most welcome. We look forward to welcoming Class 2 parents on Friday 24th March at 9:15 am for the Class 2 Assembly.



Children's Medical Needs

To ensure we have the correct medical information about your child, please complete this google form <https://forms.gle/vEfBoNieSpMLtLD4A>.

Please advise us of any changes through the year via the school office. If you have any medical paperwork e.g. diagnosis or communication from health care, please submit it to the school office. Please complete a google form for each child. **Please fill in the google form, whether you think we already know about your child's needs or not and even if your child does not have a health need.** Thank you.

Term Dates 2023-24

Please see our website for the term dates for next academic year. Please kindly refer to these when booking holidays as we are unable to authorise absence in term time, unless there are extenuating circumstances. <https://www.thecarey federation.co.uk/halwill-primary-school/parents/term-dates/>

Safer Internet Day, Tuesday 7th February

Through this week we will be talking to the children about keeping safe on-line. As part of this, Year 3 – 6 will be undertaking an on-line survey in school, to help us see the areas that we need to support the children with the most. For ideas for parents, please see the 'Safeguarding' section of the newsletter.

World Book Day, Thursday 2nd March

We are planning a week of activities to promote reading and our focus this year will be on poetry. On Thursday 2nd March, children are invited to come to school dressed as a book character.

Year 6 SATs Club and Meeting for Parents

All Year 6 pupils are invited to attend an after school SATs club. This will run on Mondays from 6th March – 24th April, inclusive. We encourage all Year 6 pupils to make the most of this opportunity. Permission letters will be sent home shortly.

There will be a SATs meeting for parents and Year 6 pupils on Monday 27th February at 4:30pm.

Lip Balm

Unless your child really needs to apply lip balm during the day, we would discourage this from coming into school as it is possible that other children may be allergic to some of the ingredients. Therefore, if you feel your child's lips are particularly chapped and they require lip balm during the day, please give it to the school office so it can be looked after by the teacher.

Safeguarding at Ashwater

The Safeguarding Team

Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs R Alford

Attendance Officer:

Miss S Revers

Safeguarding Governor:

Mrs A Clark

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs R Cawsey—SENDCo

Miss H Frayn

Safeguarding

Advice for parents and carers

Phones



Please see this link with useful information for parents:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers/phones>

Dates for your diary:

February

10th Repeat Class 1 Assembly 9.15am

13th to 17th Half term

27th SATS Y6 parents meeting 4.30pm

March

2nd World Book Day

14th Parent Consultation 1.30pm—6pm

24th Class 2 Assembly 9.15am

31st End of term

April

17th Start of summer term

May

1st Bank holiday

8th Bank holiday

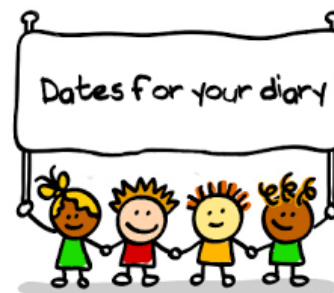
29th May to 2nd June Half term

June

5th Non-pupil day

July

21st Last day of term



Please remember to order your School lunches via schoolmoney by Friday of each week. This helps us cater correctly. Thank you

Have you moved house? Changed your mobile number?

No longer have a landline?

Please ensure you keep us informed of all changes to your contact details. This can easily be done by using the SIMS parent app or email the office. Thank you

