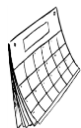


Dates for the Diary



2nd Feb - NSPCC Number Day
 5-9th Feb - Space Week
 6th Feb - Safer Internet Day
 8th Feb - Church led by Giraffes
 10th-18th February - half term
 19th February - back to school
 26th February - Parents Evening
 4th-8th March - Shakespeare Week
 7th March - World Book Day
 21st March - Church led by Leopards
 22nd March - Last day of term

Easter Holidays

8th April - Back to school
 6th May - bank holiday Monday
 25th May-2nd June - Half term
 19th July - Last day of term
 22nd July - INSET day for staff
 22nd July-2nd Sept -Summer Hols

School Dinner Thursday!!

The County issue a census each year, to see how many children have a school lunch on one particular day. We are hoping to beat the record for the number of school dinners taken up on **THURSDAY!!!**

Please can you help, it brings more funding into our school budget! Have a dinner next Thursday 18th January!

Celebration Worship Every Friday at 2.55pm

All families are welcome to join us for Celebration Worship on a Friday. The door at the back of the Hall will be open at 2.50pm, you will need to sign in, via the QR code, then take a seat!



Balance-Ability

The Ladybirds will be starting their 10 week course on Balance Bikes on Tuesday. Every Tuesday, they need to wear their PE kits, so they are comfortable for their bike sessions.



Showbie



Showbie is a vital tool for school communication. It is an online portal to enable your teachers to share information and communicate with you. Please log-in, all parents **should** be accessing the newsletter, and other important things going on in your child's class, then you won't miss anything!

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Worship

This week we welcomed everyone back as Epiphany was celebrated. Thankyou to our families who came to our "Epiphany" themed Messy Church and enjoyed making camels, crowns, stars and icing biscuit gifts! We have been thinking about "Counting our Blessings" this week. Think about the good things in our lives, to help us not to focus on all the things which might have gone wrong and make us sad.



Charanga



This week we have launched "Charanga" in Year 3&4 - it is a music learning platform for children, which inspires music making at home, as well as in school. Your child will come home next week with a log-in, so they can access at home!



Croft on the Heath

As you are probably aware, our lovely Croft was vandalised this week. We are all devastated, and are striving to protect what we have for our children and our community. We are going to put security measures in place to hopefully ensure that this won't happen again. All our classes are now starting to use The Croft regularly and this is the timetable:

	Week 1	Week 2
Mon	Crocs 22/1, 5/2	
Tues	Giraffes 23/1, 6/2	Tigers 16/1, 30/1
Wed	Ladybirds every week	Bears 17/1, 31/1
Thur	Leopards 25/1, 8/2 Penguins every week in the morning	Crocs 18/1
Fri		Zebras 19/1, 2/2

These dates should remain the same, however, we never know what might happen, so please keep an eye on your notifications on Showbie, as your teacher will contact you with any changes to the plan!!

Please can you make sure your child has their wellies and a pair of old tracksuit bottoms in a bag for their Croft Day. It will often be muddy and/or wet and the children won't be able to access outdoor learning, if they haven't got their wellies/waterproof. Please see the letter which explains much more!



LUNCH WEEK 1 MENU

Our Census Day menu!



MAIN EVENT



MEAT-FREE MAGIC Vegetarian Dish



RAINBOW ALLEY Vegetables and Salads



PASTA TWIRLER Topped Pasta



BIG TOPPING Filled Jacket



DESSERT TROLLEY Pudding

MONDAY
BBQ Drizzle Pizza with Baked Potato Wedges

Macaroni Cheese

Peas

Toffee Sponge and Custard

TUESDAY
Mild Chicken Curry with Whole Grain Rice

Cheesy Broccoli Pasta Bake

Green Beans

Jelly & Fruit Slices

WEDNESDAY
Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy

Homemade Cheese and Leek Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy

Broccoli

Crispy Skin Jacket Potatoes with Cheese or Beans

Apple Sponge Cake

Tell us your FAVOURITE MEAL
January 18th 2024

Beef Burger or Veggie Burger with Chips Sweetcorn or Salad followed by Chocolate Crispy Cake

FRIDAY
Golden Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers with Chips

Cheesy Bean Wrap Chips

Baked Beans

Orange Cookie

Vanilla Ice Cream

Pick & Mix Packed Lunch, freshly filled sandwich, healthy snack, home bake dessert & a piece of fruit

Reading at home is so important



Please listen to your child read every day, and sign their reading record, so they can earn extra dojo points and achieve their target reading certificates.



Reading can make a huge difference to a child's progress.

- It builds focus and concentration.
- It can boost your sleep.
- It improves vocabulary.
- It helps you learn new things.
- It is a lovely time to share stories with your family.
- It improves writing skills.
- It helps you learn new words and develop language skills.
- It can even improve your maths!

Head Lice

We have had several cases of head lice in school, especially with our younger children, **please, please, please** check your child's hair and make sure you comb thoroughly for at least 2 weeks, to ensure these little creatures don't keep coming back.



Attendance in School

We are, once again, aiming to achieve our 97% attendance target this term.

It is so important that children attend school every day, and not miss that vital learning. We didn't quite make it before Christmas, with all the germs around, but hopefully the spring weather will make us all feel better!

This week, attendance is:

97.6%



Friday 2nd February

We are celebrating NSPCC Number Day on Friday 2nd February. The children can dress up as a TT Rock Star, or a number block, or a NumBot, or a Number Block, or wear a top with a number, or lots of numbers on, with your school uniform. You can still wear a number top with your PE kit too, if you have PE on Fridays. We will be completing lots of number challenges throughout the day.

If you would like to donate to the NSPCC, a very worthy cause, please bring your donation on the day. Thank you