



## **Newsletter – February 2022**

### **Headteacher's Update**

It's always hard to believe that the end of this half term makes halfway through this academic year – time flies! It has been a busy half term and the children and staff have all managed really well, considering we've still had lots of absences across the school due to Covid. The children have adapted well and worked sensibly with adults that are not their usual ones when needed. It looks promising that restrictions around this look may continue to be lifted, so hopefully things will become more settled as time goes on. I think many of us are looking forward to this!

I've had several visitors to the school over the week, and they have all been impressed at how welcoming and polite the children have been. It makes us so proud of them.

I hope that you all have a lovely half term. Monday 21st February is a Non Pupil Day, so we look forward to seeing you all back on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022**.

### **Parent Consultations – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

As part of reducing restrictions, we are hoping that you will be able to join us in person for Parents Evening on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. We will hold these meetings in classrooms, so that we are not going straight into having everyone in the hall close together. Please bear in mind that many of our classrooms are upstairs, so if this might be a problem for you let us know, and we will arrange a place to meet the teacher downstairs instead.

Appointments can be booked over our online system, or you can call the school office.

### **Trips and Visits**

We have had some great trips and visits take place this half term. Year 3 had a dance workshop, and also went out on a trip to Colchester Zoo. Year 4 went to Abberton Reservoir, and did some landscape painting. Year 5 took part in a workshop where they learned about medicine through history. Thank you to our staff for organising these activities for the children!

Unfortunately, our Year 6 were not able to go on their trip. This was beyond our control, and we were very proud of how sensibly and maturely the children dealt with this. Mrs Revill is in the process of rebooking the trip, and we will let you know the new date as soon as possible. Thank you for your understanding!

### **Punctuality Reminder**

Please remember that the children should arrive in school between 8.30 and 8.45am. If they arrive after the gates have closed, then they will receive a late mark, and can't be entered for the prize draw for our Cabinet of Wonder. Children arriving to school late can be disruptive to their own learning and that of others, so if you are having trouble and need support with this, please contact the school.

**We hope that you all have a lovely half term! Children return to school on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.**