

October 2023



'Together for Excellence'

Dear parents and carers,
I hope you enjoyed a restful half term and you feel refreshed for the build up to Christmas. We are launching our 'Make Every Minute Meaningful' motto so please discuss this with your child. This will be at the heart of our school alongside the core values. There are many opportunities for you to join us to celebrate and support your child's learning this half term. We look forward to sharing with you!

Mrs Webb

Key dates for the second half of Autumn Term

Autumn Term Information	Date
Year 1 trip to Marwell Zoo	Monday 6 th November 9.00am-3.00pm
Flu vaccinations	Wednesday 8 th November
Year 3 Roman Day	Thursday 9 th November
Year 6 - Height and Weight Checks	Thursday 9 th November
New Year R tour	Thursday 9 th November 10.45am-11.45am
Parents Consultation Evening	Tuesday 14 th November 3.30pm-7.30pm Thursday 16 th November 3.30pm-5.30pm
Children in Need Crazy Hair Day	Friday 17 th November
Year 2 trip to Fort Nelson	Wednesday 22 nd November 9.00am-3.00pm
Year 4 trip to the British Museum	Monday 27 th November 8.00am-4.00pm
Badgers and Rabbits Class Nativity	Tuesday 5 th December 9.30am Wednesday 6 th December 2.00pm
Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday 7 th December
Year 6 trip - Panto at Princes Hall	Friday 8 th December 1.00pm-5.00pm
Garrison Carol Concert	Friday 8 th December 5.30pm-8.30pm
Bikeability - Year 6	Monday 11 th December - Friday 15 th December
Owls and Squirrels Class Nativity	Monday 11 th December 1.00pm-3.00pm Tuesday 12 th December 1.00pm-3.00pm
Santa's Grotto	Monday 11 th December Tuesday 12 th December
Christmas Dinner	KS2 - Wednesday 13 th December EYFS and KS1 - Thursday 14 th December
Year Group Carols	TBC
End of term	Friday 15 th December

Please note we will communicate regarding all dates in further correspondence and any amendments.

T Take turns to make plans and predictions before reading

*"I wonder if the little bear will get lost, what do you think?"
"Do you think he's lost his hat? I think his friend the bear might find it."*

R Recap to check ideas and understanding as your child is reading

*"You said that the mummy owl would come back. Where had she been?"
"Why do you think the little boy was frightened?"*

U Use encouragement and praise to keep children engaged in reading

*"You spotted the hat on the front cover, now let's find out who stole it."
"You are so good at helping the tiger by remembering everything he has eaten. Let's see what he's going to eat next."*

S Share prior knowledge & past experiences that link to what is being read

*"Have you learnt about penguins at school? Where do they live?"
"That programme told us lots about baby animals, let's find a book to read about them."*

T Tune-in and listen to your child—be curious about their interests

*"I love reading dinosaur books with you. I really want to know more about your favourite dinosaur."
"Show me your favourite book. Shall we draw a picture from it?"*

Even if your child is a confident reader, taking the time to discuss their books with them can have a huge impact. It benefits every single subject they study.

Sometimes, it can be hard to know where to start if your child seems to be fluent. Using these ideas shown to the left can help you.

Please remember that even children who seem to read fluently need to talk about what they have read. Sometimes, children are able to decode but their understanding is less strong.

Of course, it's also just fun for them to know that you're interested in their book too!

Online Safety

We are in a world which is heavily reliant on the internet. It is crucial to keep our children safe online and to educate them about online safety as the internet can be a dangerous place for our children if it is not used and monitored appropriately.

Supporting Young People Online (available in different languages)

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/supporting-young-people-online/>

Online guides and resources for a variety of ages and topics including: screen time, gaming, cyberbullying, social media...

https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/esafety-leaflets-resources/#age_guide

Curriculum Newsletters

Curriculum newsletters for this half term will be published and distributed shortly. As well as being a brilliant chance for you to keep abreast of your child's learning at school, they also provide you with key information such as PE days. Please ensure you have a look through them when you get the chance!

Homework

Thank you for your support regarding our Homework Policy. It has been lovely to hear positive feedback.

100%

October's Attendance update

R	Badger 93.9%	Rabbit 97%
1	Owl 94.7%	Squirrel 98.7%
2	Camel 98.1%	Zebra 96.8%
3	Alligator 93%	Crocodile 97.3%
4	Giraffe 97.1%	Ostrich 98.2%
5	Meerkat 93.3%	Tiger 96.9%
6	Gorilla 96.2%	Lion 93.2%

Well done Squirrel class!

School Improvement Plan

Raising Attainment and High Expectations for all

We have worked really hard against our first strand of the SIP during the first half term embedding:

- Quality phonics throughout key stage 1 and quality texts
- Curriculum planning in all subjects to demonstrate progression and building of skills and knowledge
- Principles of Maths Mastery throughout all year groups
- Immediate intervention to ensure all children 'keep up' and are ready for the next day

Sleep helpline

At any given time up to 40% of adults and 50% of children have difficulties with their sleep. Yet almost 60% of adults feel there is a lack of support for sleep issues.

Our free helpline is run by trained sleep advisors, many of whom are specialists in working with SEND. We can talk to young people directly, or parents (we can also talk to adults, including older people, about their sleep issues).

The helpline is open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday evenings 7-9pm, and Monday, Wednesday mornings 9-11am. The number is 03303 530 541. You can read more here:

<https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/national-sleep-helpline/>



the national sleep helpline

Want to know more about sleep?

ASK US THE QUESTIONS YOU WANT ANSWERS TO

03303 530 541
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am

Struggling to stay safe and warm?

If you are struggling to pay your energy bills, you may be entitled to a one-off grant from the Household Support Fund worth up to:



This grant is only available via Citizens Advice Rushmoor, by calling either:

- 01252 333 618 during our office opening hours - Monday to Thursday, 9:30am to 3pm - to arrange a callback appointment
- 0808 175 3559 during our energy helpline clinic hours - Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10am to 1:30pm - to speak directly to an energy adviser



You can find more information online at: citizensadvice.rushmoor.org.uk/energy
*Free to call from most telephones

Household Support Fund

£147 energy grants - Household Support Fund

The latest - and final - round of energy grants of up to £147 through the Household Support Fund are now available via Citizens Advice Rushmoor. If you are struggling to pay your energy bills, or know of a household who are, please encourage them to get in touch.

You can find further details about our Energy Advice Project here:

<https://citizensadvice.rushmoor.org.uk/energy/>

Parent Consultations

On the week beginning 13th November 2023. You will be able to sign up online to and book a slot. We expect every parent to attend so we can ensure your child makes the most progress possible. We will be discussing:

- Attendance and Progress so far
- Next steps and targets
- Attendance and attitude

Garrison Carol Concerts

We will be taking part in the Carol Concerts and would love you to join us on the 8th December at 5:30pm. There will be stalls, singing and snow! What a perfect way to feel Christmassy and support our local community.

Congratulations to Mr Davies on the birth of his daughter! Thea Rose Davies was born the week before half term on 17th October and they are all doing very well. We cannot wait to meet his new bundle of joy!

Making healthy lunches every day is hard! Here is an idea which may help:

Rainbow pasta salad



Cook pasta until al dente. Drain and stir in pesto. Pour boiling water on frozen vegetables and drain immediately. Bags of frozen veg are a great, cost-effective option. Stir the vegetables through the pasta with a small amount of yoghurt and lemon juice. You can add cheese or chicken for a little more protein.



Mobile Phones



Please remember that we do not allow phones in school. Please contact the school if you have any concerns. Thank you for your support.

Bikes and Scooters

If your child rides a bike or scooter to school, please remember to ensure they are wearing a helmet! Children should also not ride on the school site, please push them into school once you are through the gate.

