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# 19 April 2024

Welcome Back! It has been so lovely to be able to make the access and exit from school safer and easier for parents and carers over the holidays by widening the gates and adding new fencing to make the top play areas safe when visitors enter the site, and also the additional fencing to prevent members of the public at the community centre seeing our children playing. Please keep to the left when moving around the paths. Please help us to make a difference with your children. We have an increasing number of families requesting to take their children to appointments. Routine appointments for the dentist or doctors are not permitted and would always need to be with the permission of the Principal and requested in advance, not on the same day of the appointment. Thank you for your support.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Here are this week's attendance figures. As you will see the figures are VERY low and we have lots of classes where the children are disappointed with their low weekly score/ranking which in many cases has been affected by children not returning from abroad.

Year group	Class name	Attendance
Reception	Hardworking Hippos	75%
	Curious Caterpillars	91.3%
1	Millie Bright	84%
	Julia Donaldson	86.6%
2	Sir David Attenborough	95%
	Rosa Parks	75%
3	Kevin Sinfield	92.1%
	Martin Luther King	96.4%
4	Michael Jordan	80.1%
	Nelson Mandela	75%
5	Sir Mo Farah	89.2%
	Marcus Rashford	89.1%
6	Katherine Johnson	94.6%
	Tim Peake	90%

Please remember, unauthorised time out of school for holidays will now be fined by Leeds City Council. This has recently increased to £80 per parent, per child, so this could be up to £160 per child out of school. The attendance prizes for next week with extra break time go to Martin Luther King class in Key Stage 2 and Sir David Attenborough class in EY and KS1!

#### **COFFEE MORNING**

Next week is our latest coffee morning and is on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 8.50am in our Community Hub. We will use this meeting to find out what families would like as the focus for the rest of this term so please join us to agree the themes!

The link for this week's Anxiety Parenting Workshop is on Class Dojo.

#### **INSPIRATIONAL PUPILS**

Over the holidays, teachers in each year group nominated pupils who deserved the mazing nomination to be the Inspirational Pupil of the Spring Term. The photographs of the pupils and their families who came to a special assembly will be added to Class Dojo this weekend. They have been chosen as amazing role models to the other children for their positive attitudes and determination. The new group (who all win an extra 25 star stamps!!) are: R:Salman, Y1:Sema, Y2: Sheila, Y3:Jonathan, Y4:Amari, Y5:Vinh and Y6:Ernestine

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

A number of parents have been asking about our new school uniform for September. We will not immediately replace the current uniform and will expect families to keep using old uniform until it needs to be completely replaced. We are due to receive all of the remaining jumpers, cardigans and polo shirts from the uniform shop at a discounted rate which we will start selling at the office, if you would like to buy this uniform at a reduced rate, please ask at the Upper School Office!

## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

- School is closed for a bank holiday on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May.
- Year 6 SATs week starts on Monday 13 May 2024.

Have a lovely weekend.

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Year group	Class name	Star Award	Achievement Award
Reception	Curious Caterpillars	Asher IB	Karina A
	Hardworking Hippos	David H	Abrar A
1	Millie Bright	Velvet A	Aidan M
	Julia Donaldson	Derin D	Elias H
2	Rosa Parks	Payvar P	Abdullah A
	Sir David Attenborough	Mosisa	Sarah
3	Kevin Sinfield	Sultan M	Sophia K
	Martin Luther King	Ellias S	Saad B
4	Michael Jordan	Milly BJ	Calixte B
	Nelson Mandela	Kaden M	Тееуа А
5	Sir Mo Farah	Sruthi V	Adonai Y
	Marcus Rashford	Hasan A	Mia H
6	Katherine Johnson	Tnok K	Jesse N
	Tim Peake	Solyana W	Sana H