

Welcome Back to 2023!!!

Welcome back!

I hope you have all had a fantastic Christmas and a great New Year with the opportunity to meet up with family and friends and to rest as well.
The children have returned to school full of energy and enthusiasm and the first full week back in school has been a huge success with lots of great work, exploration and investigations taking place.
The spring term is always a great time to look forward to positive things ahead and we are encouraging the children and reinforcing the idea of a positive attitude towards their work and their relationships with one another.

We have introduced a new Positive Behaviour Scheme in school which links perfectly with our positive outlook this term. The details of our new behaviour scheme are set out in the information attached to this newsletter.

Also on a positive note, we had a very welcome visit from Mr Sheeran in school just before the Christmas break. He met with the staff and went around the classrooms to see the children...he even made a surprise visit to the Year 5 Christmas party. I'm sure I speak for everyone when I say it was great to see him looking so well and we look forward to his return to us in school.

With this in mind, we look forward to a fabulous spring term full of awe and wonder...and the promise of lighter mornings and lighter nights!!!

YEAR 6 CLASSES—BUILDING WORK

The building work in the Year 6 classes has been carried out and, apart from the clearing up and 'making good' the work is now complete. The children will be in a position to move back into their classrooms early next week and settle themselves back into their usual routine—thank you everyone, and especially the Year 6 staff, for their patience whilst the work has been completed.

NON-DAIRY SNACKS

Our school has a nut-free and dairy-free policy. This means the snacks that the children have at break time should not contain either nuts or dairy. Please work with us to ensure that all snacks fall in line with this policy in order to protect and support us all in our school community.

ATTENDANCE

It is vitally important that your child attends school regularly and on time and with this in mind, we will be working hard this year to ensure that attendance in school is the best it can be, following the difficult term of viruses that we have just experienced.

Obviously children become ill and need time off school. If this is the case, please follow our absence procedures.

It is crucial that you contact school on the first day of absence; please speak to someone or leave a message.

When your child is fit to return to school, please send them in with a note to explain their absence. Un-authorised absences and absences without reason will be followed up and could trigger the involvement of an Education Welfare Officer or lead to a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Our school gates close at 9:00am in the morning. Children arriving after that time should enter via the school office and are late for school. Children arriving at 8:45 each day are gaining an extra 15 minutes of activity time in their day, that's over an hour of extra learning per week.

Those who are arriving after 9:00am are missing vital phonics, spelling and grammar.

LET'S BE ON TIME EVERY DAY AND DEVELOP A ROUTINE OF REGULAR ATTENDANCE!!!

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Introducing... our new Positive Rewards Scheme



As we begin our new term we are introducing a new rewards system in school.
Children will work to earn DOJO points throughout their day – points can be awarded for a variety of different reasons: on the back you can see all the ways that the children can earn points.

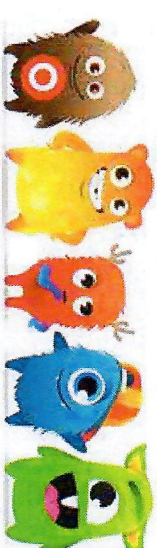
As the children earn points their total builds and builds.
When they reach certain milestones they are awarded their DOJO STAR.



50 points – BRONZE AWARD
150 points – SILVER AWARD
300 points – GOLD AWARD



The children have the whole year to earn the full set of DOJO STARS



Earn DOJOs by
Following our
BEEES RULES



Be safe and sensible



Be caring to others



Be kind with words



Be a good listener



Be the best you can be

Earn DOJOs by
being a BIRKDALE
'LEARNER'



Listening



Engaged



Asking questions



Resilient



Neighbourly



Enthusiastic



Respectful