



Reception children using their science and technology skills to make houses for the three little pigs

Dear Parents and Carers



This term has begun with so many keen children at school! Attendance for the first few days this week was around 97% - this is amazing! Please do keep it up as we move through this term.

It was lovely seeing everyone from Lancaster house wearing their own clothes to school today. Children very much see the Mufti Day reward as a big motivating factor for them to earn housepoints for their house. Remember that the house point totals have been deleted back to zero so each house has a chance to secure top spot come the Easter holidays!

As we move towards the ANPR camera enforcement for our School Street you will continue to see a presence from our fabulous volunteers over the next few weeks while we carefully review the high volume of applications to utilise the school car park. Details have been sent about where to get information regarding permits, access and timings. You can find more information [here](#). Remember that PCN (fines) will be issued to anyone who uses St Adrian's Close without a permit during school drop off and pick up times. Further, we will also now be implementing a school gate closure policy. The gates will now close at 3.15pm and will reopen at 3.30pm to allow for a vehicle free exit from school for our pupils. Any vehicle with permission to use the school car park that arrives after 3.15pm will need to park safely on the main road (Wessex Way) and you can access the school car park after 3.30pm. This is to ensure that the flow of traffic at any one time is only one way and to limit the traffic coming along St Adrians Close at the busiest time for pedestrians to be accessing the road.

Please also do not park in St Adrians Close as this will contravene the conditions of having a permit. Please avoid using the yellow and white zigzag lines for dropping off or picking up. Apart from it being illegal and creating an obstruction, it carries a fine for stopping on them even for a moment.

We need to acknowledge the very few volunteers who have been able to make the school street possible. Since day one, come rain or shine, they are there to greet members of the school community with a smile. Their support for the scheme shouldn't be underestimated and it has only been with their support that the scheme has been able to get up and running. The road is now much safer than it was and the number of people enjoying walking up and down St Adrians Close each day is so refreshing to see! See what some of the children wanted to say about the volunteers in the quotes below.

Mr Beavan

Quotes of the week

"The School Street makes me feel safe and happy"
Ciara, Reception

"Everytime I see the School Street volunteers I wave and smile"
Adam, Year 1

"Since the cars have been going slower, it makes us feel much safer" Year 2

"They always greet you with a friendly smile, make sure we walk down the road safely, they are very kind and polite. Thank you for keeping us all safe" Holly Class

"They keep us safe, they tell us to stop if we haven't seen a car, they make us smile every morning"
Larch class



Diary dates coming up



Thursday 6th March

Year 6 trip to the Natural History Museum

Friday 7th March

PTA Bags 2 School
World Book Day – see additional information

Monday 10th March

Year 3 trip to Ufton Court

Thursday 13th March

Year 5 Sharing Assembly – 9am
Upper School Hall

Friday 14th March

Year 6 SATS information meeting – 3:30pm

Thursday 20th March

Year 3 Sharing Assembly – 9am
Upper School Hall

Good News Certificates



EYFS: Ambra and Jude

Year 1: Isaiah and Maya

Year 2: Anya and Oliver

Year 3: Sidney S and Ocean

Year 4: Cheryl and Freddie C

Year 5: William and Isla

Year 6: Charlie and Daisy

Attendance

Lower School: Alder winners with 99.4%

Upper School: Yew winners with 99.3%

School attendance this week

96.3%



Last week = 94.4%
Last year average = 95%

Aiming for 97%

School Values



This week saw us begin our topic of Healthy Me in our PSHE lessons and Mr Beavan started the term with a session about more or less. We looked at different situations such as eating fruit and veg, screentime, being outdoors, being with friends or getting angry and decided if we should have more or less of these in our lives. Children were very quick to point out the correct answers! We concluded that this means we are respectful to our bodies and health.

Children arriving early

The school gates open at 8:45am and children have ten minutes to arrive and get themselves registered for the day. Some pupils have been arriving at school as early as 8:15am stating that they have been dropped off as parents are on their way to another school or to work. This is not something that can continue and therefore in future, we will be adding that child to breakfast club and charging accordingly.

Year 6 SATS meeting

On Friday 14th March, Year 6 are hosting a SATS information evening for parents and carers. During this meeting Mrs Oliva and Mrs Powell will explain what happens during SATS week, how you can help your child in the run up to SATs and give you a chance to ask any questions that you may have. We look forward to seeing you there.

Parent involvement

There are lots of things to look forward to this term with parents' evenings and sharing assemblies coming up. Thank you to those who passed on positive feedback relating to the previous term's share my learning session. We feel very lucky to have so many parents who are able to attend these sort of events. You know how much the children and us appreciate it!

Character Curriculum

We thought that this week's character curriculum was a really good way to start the term – being organised. We discussed what is necessary to have on our tables and what we may not need e.g. lots of pencil cases. We reminded ourselves of our school routines for coming in from break and lunch ready for learning and how we can gain valuable learning time by starting our Do Nows at the beginning of every lesson.

Being organised for learning



- Enter the lesson ready for learning
- Think "What do I need?"
- Think "What do I not need?"
- Think "What routines do we have?"
- Follow the classroom expectations
- Start the Do Now at the beginning of the lesson



Positivity



Honesty



Respect



Pride

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12th February 2025

Dear Parents & Guardians

We would like to give you advanced notice of our plans for World Book Day
The national date is Thursday 6th March however due to a school trip, **Wessex will celebrate as a whole school on Friday 7th March 2025.**



We thought that this year we would repeat having three different options for the children to ease pressure of having to wear fancy dress if the children would prefer not to:

1. They could come as **readers**

- They could bring their favourite books and be able to talk about why they like them so much.
- They could also come in in their pyjamas as bedtime is when most people read.

2. They could come as **authors**

- The children could talk about their favourite authors and why they enjoy reading their books.
- They could even bring in any books that they have written themselves!

3. They could come as **characters**

- The children could dress up as their favourite characters from a book that they enjoy reading.

We thought that you would appreciate the information now to have enough time to think about what your child would like to come as and make any necessary preparations for this. There will be more information to follow as we get nearer the date.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Cooke
Year 4 Teacher

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