

'Sowing seeds of success: growing courageous learners'

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Dear Parents,

Year 3/4 Production 'What a Knight'

We have been delighted with the first performance of 'What a Knight' on Monday this week. The second is Wednesday 5.30pm. Congratulations to the Y3/4 pupils and staff who have made it such a success. If you have yet to see it, prepare for a few laughs and giggles and tear jerking solo singing parts. The confidence of the children is inspiring. Thank you too to parents who have helped hugely with costumes etc.

Free School Meals - Did you know that Universal Credit is currently a qualifying benefit for Free School Meals?

Letters regarding free school meals were sent home with your children last week. There is a link to this information on the home page of the school website.

Sensory Garden

If you have any of the following items you no longer need we would greatly appreciate donations for our sensory garden. Thank you: wooden spoons, food moulds, spatulas, pots and pans, old microwave, tubs of any sort, gardening equipment, string, garden ornaments, bird table/bath, sticks, logs, seeds, tools - hammers, screwdrivers, wellies and BIG dog clips

Early Years

Early Years and Key Stage One would like donations of the following items please:-

Buttons, ribbons, funnels, keys, wooden pegs, nuts and bolts, chains, shells, feathers, pine cones, corks, pipes, wood cut offs, tree slices. These items are known as 'Loose Parts.' What are loose parts? Loose parts are the opposite of toys. Toys are designed with specific purposes; loose parts are not. The concept of 'loose parts' is understood by children worldwide; any child noticing odds and ends lying about will instinctively pick them up and put them to use. This is because children have active hands and active minds with a gift for seeing possibilities that adults miss. In open-ended play children themselves decide what to do, how to do it and what to use. For children who immerse in it, open-ended play evolves in amazing ways. Initially, it consists of fluid experimentation. Over time it becomes increasingly purposeful as children start to plan what to act out or invent. Loose parts can be small as corks or as large as drain pipes - a healthy imagination finds uses for them all!

Toy Sale

EYFS and KS1 will hold a toy sale on the infant yard on Wednesday 25th April from 3pm - 4pm. We are having a sort out and would like our toys to go to a new home. Please come and have a look. Anything raised will go into providing the children with open ended resources that have never ending possibilities and fuel imagination.

Key Stage 2 Playtimes

For some time now KS2 staff have been keen to try flexible afternoon playtimes. Teachers and pupils are having to break off topic and activities in the middle to fit playtime in. After Easter they would like to try not having set playtime but fitting in a short break which fits in with the afternoon. So, for instance they may have a break after an hour or a break just before assembly or go right through if the children are doing a special project, such as art, PE or science and don't want to break off. It would also help if it's a rainy day and children have been stuck inside for some time, teachers can take the opportunity to

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get the class out for fresh air if it brightens up later in the day. Class teachers will supervise their own classes for this and so make the most of a flexible timetable in the afternoons. We are not planning to change morning or lunchtime playtimes at all.

Cake Stall

Crystal class cake stall will be held this Friday 27th April at 3.30pm in the school hall. The class that sells the most cakes per capita will be treated to afternoon tea with a parent at the end of the summer term. Please come along and support us. All money goes into FOSS funds to fund extra school visits free for you and your children.

Easter Service at Church - Thursday, 29th March at St Oswald's Church - 9.30am

You are warmly invited to join us at the church to share in our Easter celebration. There is not a lot of room left in church after we are all seated but we would love to see you there if you can make it. If you would like to help walk your child's class to St Oswald's Church with us, please contact your child's class teacher.

Carlton Lodge

Carlton Lodge have organised their Easter activities for 8 to 14 year olds which run from the 5th April to 13th April 2018. Activities include paddle power courses, high ropes, zip wire, kayaking, raft building and much more. For more information and to book places please email gillian@nyy.org.uk or telephone 01845 522145 quoting School Holiday Activities 2018. Thank you.

Website Updates

The following updates have been added to the website: newsletter, diary dates, gallery photos,

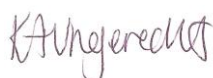
Dates for your diary

28th March - Year 3/4 production 5.30pm
29th Easter Service St Oswald's Church
29th March - School closes for Easter break at 2.30pm
17th April - School re-opens for summer term
19th April - Year 2 visit to Harlow Carr
25th April - EYFS toy sale
27th April - Crystal class cake stall
3rd May - Class photos
7th May - School closed May Day bank holiday
15th May - Year 3/4 visit to Hartlepool
18th May - Diamond class cake stall
25th May - School closes for half term 3.30pm

Attendance last week

Whole school attendance 95%. Unauthorised absence 0.5%. Best class attendance: Pearl class 99.2%. Well done.
School closed for the Easter break tomorrow at 2.30pm

Yours sincerely,



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