

Dear Parents and Carers,

Message from Mrs Talbot:

This week in our values assembly we looked at focusing on positives and being grateful for simple pleasures and finding joy in the ordinary! Often, it's easy to think about what we want, or what we haven't got, and instead we are encouraging children to appreciate what we do have.

This week Ms Millican and I have spent a lot of time in classes observing teaching and learning, this has certainly filled us with joy to observe the vast majority of children fully engaging with wonderful learning opportunities and making the most of their lessons! One of my favourite times of the week is singing assembly and this week the children impressed me, not only with beautiful singing, but with their energy and enthusiasm - well done everyone!

Please remember the school will close at 12.45 this coming Monday 5th February for the funeral of our colleague Mrs Fiore, the gate will open at 12.35. Thank you once again for the kindness and consideration of our families.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Talbot - Headteacher

Children's Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health week starts on Monday 5th February and we will be marking this with an assembly and the children will also be undertaking some fun and helpful lessons all about having good mental health.

Attached are some top tips for helping you speak to your children about mental health. It doesn't need to be a 'one off' conversation, a simple chat about how your child's day was walking or driving home or when you are all sitting down for dinner at night can be enough and most importantly don't forget to listen!

Measles Outbreak and MMR Vaccinations

Attached is a letter from the Director of Public Health in relation to the measles outbreak across the West Midlands and how we can hopefully avoid it in Cambridgeshire.

Two doses of the MMR vaccination give long-lasting protection against measles, mumps and rubella. Now is a good time to check that your child is up to date with their MMR vaccinations. You can do this by looking at their personal health record (Red Book) or by asking your GP. Children who have missed their routine MMR vaccination can catch up at any age so please book an appointment at your GP as soon as possible. You can request a version of the MMR vaccine that does not contain pork products from your GP, making it suitable for all faiths.

The Community and School Age Immunisation Service is running walk-in vaccination clinics for children who are not up to date with their MMR vaccinations. Details of upcoming clinics can be found here: <https://www.cpics.org.uk/measles>. There is a clinic taking place at Doddington Hospital on Monday 19th February 9am-5pm so if your child hasn't had their MMR vaccinations then please do make an appointment with them, especially if you cannot get into your GP surgery.

Measles symptoms to be aware of include:

- High temperature
- Cough
- Sore, red, watery eyes
- A blotchy red brown rash, which usually appears after the initial symptoms
- Spots in the mouth

Film Night:

Staff are volunteering their time to run another film night for children on Monday 12th February from end of school until 5pm, we will be showing the Disney film: Wish which is a U. Funds raised will be for our enrichment fund (this is what we used for Panto). The cost will be £3 and children will receive squash or water, popcorn and biscuits. Please use the link below to book your child on to this film night and send the £3 cash in a named envelope.

Form: <https://forms.office.com/r/1RPTVLCiqA>

New Lunch Menu's

After half term we have a new lunch menu starting. I have attached the new menu, it is also now available to order on the Aspen's select system. Don't forget you can order lunches a term at a time.

We will be having a Chinese New Year inspired lunch on Thursday 15th February with sticky Chinese noodles and sweet and sour wok vegetables. This special menu is attached with more coming throughout the year, including a World book Day inspired theme in March.

Education Inclusion Family Advisor

February's newsletter from the EIFA team is attached. They are also running online workshops for parent during February and March which include 'Supporting your child with feelings of worry' and 'supporting your child with feelings or anger'. All the online sessions are between 1hr and 1.5hrs so well worth attending if you can to help support your children where required.

Car Park

We have again witnessed people using our car park to turn around on, drop children off on and people parking on the yellow zig zags. Please don't- the car park area is very busy in the morning with children arriving at school and waiting for the gate to be opened.

Term Dates

Please find attached are the term dates for 2024-25. A copy can also be found on our website.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards

Mrs Rachael Barton
School Secretary

Important Dates:

Monday 5th February	School closing at 12.45 for funeral
Monday 12th- 14th February	Swans Burwell Residential Visit
Monday 12th February	Film night until 5pm
Monday 19th February- Friday 23rd February	Half Term
Thursday 7th March	World book day
Tuesday 19th March	Doves Share & Shine 2.45pm
Wednesday 20th March	Owls Share & Shine 2.45pm
Thursday 21st March	Swans Share & Shine 2.45pm
Friday 22nd March	Robins Share & Shine 9.00am
Friday 29th March- Friday 12th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 15th April	INSET DAY- No children in school
Wednesday 17th April	Bikeability Level 1- Owls Class
Tuesday 23rd April	Parents Meetings 3pm-6pm
Wednesday 24th April	Parents Meetings 3pm-6pm
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday
Monday 13th- Friday 17th May	Year 6 SAT's
Monday 27th May- Friday 31st May	Half Term
Tuesday 4th June	Heights & Weights Measurements YR & YR6
Wednesday 5th June	Vision Screening YR
Monday 22nd July	INSET DAY- No children in school
Tuesday 23rd July- Friday 30th August	Summer Holidays
Tuesday 3rd September	INSET DAY- No children in school

Wednesday 4th September	Term Starts
Monday 28th Oct- Friday 1st Nov	Half Term
Monday 23rd December- Monday 6th January	Christmas Holidays
Monday 6th January 2025	INSET DAY- No children in school
Monday 17th- Friday 21st February 2025	Half Term
Friday 4th April 2025	INSET DAY- No children in school
Monday 7th- Monday- Monday 21st April 2025	Easter Holidays
Monday 5th May 2025	Bank Holiday
Monday 26th- Friday 30th May 2025	Half Term
Monday 2nd June 2025	INSET DAY- No children in school
Wednesday 23rd July 2025	INSET DAY- No children in school
Thursday 24th July- Friday 29th August 2025	Summer Holidays