Weekly Round-up



Friday 12th January 2024

Happy Friday Everyone!

Welcome to the first school newsletter of 2024!

We hope you had a restful and peaceful Christmas and New Year and are all set for the new Spring Term ahead.



Term Times

Welcome back!





Update on Geronimo (our mini giraffe) he will soon begin his journey with another 62 mini G's to the Cambridge Standing Tall sculpture trail.

> We have been told that he will be at The Grafton Centre, in Cambridge.

When we know further details and key dates we will let you know so that you can go and visit him and all his friends.



At the end of last term, Year 3 were very fortunate to have two guest speakers as part of our 'Careers Related Learning' programme.

Mrs Parry gave the children an excellent presentation explaining what it's like to be a town

planner. The children were able to link their SDG 'Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure' to the challenges of designing and building a new town. We learnt about new innovations implemented in Eddington that include, lake water being used to flush toilets and how bags of rubbish are put down chutes in the street and stored underground before being collected.





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Our second speaker, Mr Trattner, explained brilliantly how the diverse role of an engineer could include designing anything from a clip on the side of a solar panel to a race car or a missile guidance system! Interestingly, Mr Trattner told the children that the two most important subjects for his job are maths and English to ensure his work is accurate and well communicated.

We are very grateful to Mrs Parry and Mr Trattner for giving up their time and we would welcome any other parents or carers into school who are willing to explain their careers to our children.

HANK

The closing date for your child to participate in The Big Ambition survey has been extended to Friday 19th January.





The Big Ambition provides a much-needed opportunity for the children of England to tell political decision makers what is important to them ahead of the General Election. Their responses will be shared with Government to ensure that children's voices are heard.



Links to the half termly newsletter from teachers were sent out earlier today.

You can also find them and each year groups newsletters plus lots more on our website on the <u>Helping Your Child</u> page!

PE - Notices

For the safety of the children, if your child has their ears pierced please can they remove their earrings on PE days. However, if this is not possible please can you supply your child with some microtape so that they can cover up their piercing.

Just a reminder that we would like the children's PE kits in school at all times, just in case of timetable changes at the last minute or we have special events happening on a non



PE day.

PE kits can be brought in on a Monday morning and then if needed can go home on a Friday to be washed!

Lost Property!

We have a growing mountain of lost property. If you can get your child to come and have a root through the lost property box or come to the school office yourself to check for missing items that would be appreciated. Left over items will be donated to the PTA. Many thanks.



Please make sure you child's Arbor profile is up to date with emergency contact details/dietary requirements and medical conditions, as it's very important the school has the most up to date information.

We would also really appreciate it if the balances on children's school dinners (Years 3 to 6) are paid regularly and kept up to date. Thank you for your co-operation.











As we start the new term, please check your child's pencil case and make sure they have the items below, this only applies to all children from Year 2 to Year 6.

- A small pencil case
- A HB pencil
- A pencil sharpener
- A ruler
- A glue Stick
- Coloured Pencils should include purple & orange for editing as well as blue, red and green for science.
- A blue fine tip handwriting pen (once your child has a pen pass)
- Highlighters
- A black whiteboard marker
- Earphones with 3.5mm jack for use with laptops and lpads



STOP

You can now donate your unwanted/outgrown Christmas jumpers by putting them in a box by the main entrance/school office, where the PTA will store them ready for a Christmas jumper sale later in the year! There is also a box for school uniform

donations too.

Please be mindful of parking around the school and the local area. There are a number of parking restrictions around school that are there to keep our children safe. Please can you adhere to these restrictions at all times! Also when parking in the local neighbourhood please do not park across driveways or too close to corners. How much do you know about keeping your child safe online? Click this <u>link</u> to learn more.







Check out 'Everything Environmental' on the school website for plant-based recipes.



Live it - Eco tip!

Invest in reusable straws.

If the trend for using plastic continues, by 2050 there will be more plastic than fish in the oceans. When a waiter asks if you would like a straw, politely decline and instead drink directly from the glass or use a stainless steel straw.



What's going on locally? CLICK HERE

HERE To find out!



To find out about what has been happening in school, plus other information about homework, click the relevant year group below for your child/children.

