

Newsletter 18/01/2024

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Dear Anthony Roper Community,

We hope you have had a great week and are feeling more settled into the new term! In school, we have had the following successes:

- We held our first Parent/Carer Forum, on the subject of Behaviour! A huge thank you to parents, carers and Governors who were able to join us to discuss renewing our Behaviour Policy. We used input from the online form as well as some results from a questionnaire the children have been completing in school! The main conclusions relate to consistency and learning about self-regulation, so we look forward to folding these into the next draft. I'll be in touch soon about our next forum date and topic!
- We had some challenges last week related to unexpected road closures! I would like to express
 my gratitude and thanks for everyone pulling together to make this as fluid as possible. I
 appreciate everyone's flexibility as we navigated such an unusual situation: a wonderful showing
 of our vision and values!
- Our next round of IEP meetings started, where families of children with additional needs are invited to discuss what support the school is offering and how home-school relationships can be used to help further progress.

Work has started on our redesign of the playground! Our Premises Team have been tinkering
with our new lodges and this week we invited a playground markings company (directed by
School Council) to start installing various shapes and outlines to prompt play during break and
lunchtimes. Again, thank you to families for your flexibility during drop-off and pick-up as we
work around allowing this to be carried out! In addition, thank you to families for your donations
of craft materials for the upcoming Creativity Shed! We are grateful for your generosity.

As we look ahead to next week, our IEP meetings will continue and it's also the start of an assessment period in school. As usual, we will report the results of this to you at our next round of Parents' Evening which is coming up after half term.

Keep safe,

Mr Adam Nicholls

Safeguarding

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This week's resource is Savera: https://www.saverauk.co.uk/

Savera works with different communities to challenge attitudes towards domestic abuse and harmful practices such as forced marriage, honour-based abuse and FGM.

As a school we believe that safeguarding is not only about protecting children and young people from abuse and neglect but also their families too. It is our intention therefore to support families by signposting them to universal services which may assist families when they are facing difficulties themselves. For reference, our Safeguarding Team is: Mr Adam Nicholls, Mrs Sandra Goodwin, Miss Jo Leadley and Mrs Jemma Sholl.

Attendance

Bear Class - 100% Mae Class - 96.4% Knight Class - 92.8% Armstrong Class - 97.5% Rose Class - 99.6% Tull Class - 100% Rashford Class - 96.6% Othello Class - 98.4% Einstein Class - 91.4% Zephaniah Class - 87.9%

Da Vinci Class - 96.7%

Attendance matters - we aim for all children to achieve 96% attendance within the school year. For unexpected absences, due to illness for example, please contact the School Office so that we can record your child's absence correctly. All other absences must be requested using the Absence Request Form. A copy of our Attendance Policy can be found on the school website.

Key Dates

Term Dates Term 3: Wednesday 3rd January – Friday 9th February Term 4: Monday 19th February – Thursday 28th March Term 5: Monday 15th April – Friday 24th May Term 6: Monday 3rd June – Friday 19th July **Inset Days** Monday 22nd July 2024 Tuesday 23rd July 2024 **Exhibition Afternoons** Tuesday 6th February 2024, from 2.30pm Wednesday 27th March 2024, from 2.30pm Thursday 23rd May 2024, from 2.30pm Tuesday 16th July 2024, from 2.30pm **Parents' Evenings** Monday 26th February 2024, 4pm-7pm Thursday 29th February 2024, 4pm-7pm

Notices

SWIMMING

We are pleased to have secured swimming lessons for all classes in KS2! They will run in the following terms:

Term3 – Einstein (Starts tomorrow - 19th Jan) Term 4 – Othello Term 5 – Rashford Term 6 – Tull

Each class will receive more specific information, such as dates and kit lists, as their turn approaches.

PAYMENT FOR CLUBS

Payment for clubs is now available on Arbor. Can you please ensure payment is made as soon as possible.

CINDERELLA

M&M Production visited the school on Monday 8th January for a performance of 'Cinderella'. If you haven't done so already, we would really appreciate a contribution of £4.50 towards this event. Without this it would be difficult for us to continue with providing the children such an enriching experience. You will find the payment in the trips section on Arbor.

BLUE RUNNER

If your child has school meals and you haven't yet done so please sign up to Blue Runner to pre-order and pay for your childs meal. This needs to be done even if you have free school meals

MOSQUE VISIT - THURSDAY 1ST FEBRUARY

For Faith Week this term we would like to take KS1 (Years 1 & 2) and UKS2 (Years 5 & 6) children to a mosque in Crayford (Masjid Abu Bakr) as part of their learning in Religious Education. If you haven't done so already, we would really appreciate a contribution of £4.50 towards transport to and from the mosque. This will be available to pay for in the trips section of Arbor.

Awards

Numbots Champions Bear Class - Iris, Romir, Thomas Mae Class - Elliott, Poppy, Chloe Knight Class - Theodore, Hudson, Nellie Armstrong Class - Anna, Faith-Evelyn, Fenton Rose Class - Rory, Edison, Jake Tull Class - Harry, Sophia, Olivia Rashford Class - Rudy, Iylah-Louise, Ralphy Othello Class - Robert, Riaan, Emily Einstein Class - Sienna, Albie, Tabitha Zephaniah Class - Kaius, Max, Emily D Da Vinci Class - Ilona, Rana, Stanley **Times Tables Rock Stars Champions** Bear Class -Mae Class -Knight Class -Armstrong Class - Oliver L, Faith-Evelyn, Thomas Rose Class - William D, Edison, Jake Tull Class - Owen, Jessica B, Harry Rashford Class - Arissa, Sienna, Harrison Othello Class - Poppy, Lucienne, Carter Einstein Class - Levi, Tabitha, Arthur Zephaniah Class - Emily D, Kaius, Lincoln Da Vinci Class - Mia, Thomas, Bronte Achievement Awards Bear Class -Mae Class -**Knight Class - James** Armstrong Class - Bernie

Rose Class - Leo

Tull Class - Nancy

Rashford Class - Joe

Othello Class - Harrison M

Einstein Class - Levi

Zephaniah Class - Kaius

Da Vinci Class - Sophie

House Points

Knole - 223

- Chartwell 198
- Penshurst 192

Ightham - 182





