



Newsletter 07/03/2024

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Dear Anthony Roper Community,

We hope you have had a great week. In school, we have had the following successes:

- Colleagues wrapped up their final few Parents' Evening appointments, looking at the children's progress and next steps. If you have feedback that you would like to share about your experiences, please click here: <https://forms.office.com/e/MsGCbh8QxF>
- We held our next Parent/Carer Forum, where our topic was the Curriculum. Thank you to community members for your contributions both in-person and online. We are really grateful for your support of the development of our school.
- Our amazing PTA have been running their Mother's Day sales, where pupils are able to purchase gifts for the special women in their life. Thank you to everyone who has been able to support this event and a special mention to the kind volunteers from the PTA who helped to arrange it all!
- We are in the middle of a monitoring cycle in school, where school leaders have been observing lessons. Well done to colleagues and pupils alike for showing off your teaching and learning so successfully. We look forward to seeing how this continues!

World Book Day

Today is World Book Day! Thank you to everyone who has been able to join in and celebrate the wonderful range of literature that's available. As shared on Class Dojo, we have been extremely fortunate to have had many brand-new books donated recently (mostly from the Acorn Book Club) and we need to make some space! Therefore, we are giving away pre-loved books at the end of each day. Many thanks to colleagues for their support in arranging this - we hope families enjoy giving these books a new home. (There may even be some nostalgic titles in there too!)

Wishing you a great week.

Keep safe,

Mr Adam Nicholls

Safeguarding

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This week's resource is Self Harm UK: <https://www.selfharm.co.uk/>

This website provides support and advice for people who self-harm as well as their family and friends. They include a free online course - you never know what someone else might be going through.

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 - 92.5%

Mae Class - 98.1%

Knight Class - 99.6%

Armstrong Class - 90.1%

Rose Class - 98.2%

Tull Class - 90.3%

Rashford Class - 93.8%

Othello Class - 97.2%

Einstein Class - 82.3%

Zephaniah Class - 91.8%

Da Vinci Class - 96.2%

*Attendance matters - **The whole school attendance this week is 93.6%**. 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 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

Wednesday 27th March 2024, from 2.30pm

Thursday 23rd May 2024, from 2.30pm

Tuesday 16th July 2024, from 2.30pm

Parents' Evenings

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:

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.

MOSQUE VISIT - THURSDAY 1ST FEBRUARY

KS1 (Years 1 & 2) and UKS2 (Years 5 & 6) children visited a mosque in Crayford (Masjid Abu Bakr) on Thursday 1st February 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.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Following the success of our amazing School Council's fund raising for the new playground markings. They have decided to run the following events:-

RED NOSE DAY - COMPETITION

Red Nose Day is fast approaching and the student council would like to help raise some extra money towards it. They have decided upon a 'RED NOSE DAY COMPETITION'. For this, you need to make your own red nose and decorate it however you like. Please could you try to use recycled materials to create it. It needs to have your name somewhere on it (the inside might be best) and make it as amazing as you can! The Student Council will help to judge them and the winners will be announced during assembly on Friday 15th March 2024. It is £1 to enter. Please hand all entries to Mrs Hibbs in Othello Class when you are ready! Last day to enter is Wednesday 13th March.

FRIDAY 15TH MARCH - RED NOSE DAY

On Friday 15th March children are invited to wear their own clothes in red & white.

CROSSING PATROL

KCC have advised us that our patrol officer is retiring! we would like to thank him for his service over the years. If you or anybody you know may be interested in this position it is now being advertised for which information and applications can be received by following the link below:

<https://recruitmenthub.solutions/members/modules/job/detail.php?record=10062>

PTA NEWS

Mother's Day Shop

Thanks to all for supporting the Mother's Day Shop this year. The children thoroughly enjoyed choosing their gifts for their loved ones. We hope everyone has a lovely weekend.

Cress Heads Competition

We are launching a Cress Heads competition, to enter please bring 50p to school from Monday 11th March and receive your seeds and instructions. All Cress Head entries should be returned to your child's classroom on Tuesday 26th March for judging (please ensure your child's name and class name is attached to their entry). Every child is invited to enter, with prizes for the best entry in Reception & KS1, Lower KS2 and Upper KS2. The competition will be judged by our teachers and prizes will be given out on the day of the Easter Egg hunt (27th March).

Easter Egg Hunt-Tickets available from 8th March!

The Egg Hunt will take place on Wednesday 27th March, in the school grounds. It will start immediately after school finishes at 3.15pm, but parents must collect their children as usual and supervise them during the hunt. Tickets for the Egg Hunt are £3.50 per child, with each child getting an egg at the end. Once your child has received their egg, please join us in the hall for refreshments, including the Bake-Off entries and our easter competition. Tickets will be available via the PTA website (www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofanthonyroper/) from Friday 8th March until 6 pm Friday 22nd March. Tickets for siblings who wish to take part in the Easter Egg Hunt can also be purchased from the PTA website. Please note, it will not be possible to buy a ticket on the day.

The Bake Off will take place during the school day. Children are invited to bring their bakes into school in the morning when our very own teachers will judge them before choosing a winner each for Key Stage 1, Lower Key Stage 2 and Upper Key Stage 2. Prizes will be presented to the winners in their classrooms. All children are invited to enter the Bake-Off, for which there will be no charge. They do not have to take part in the Egg Hunt to enter.

Please note, responsibility for correct notification of any relevant allergies lies with you, the parents. Otherwise, your child will be given a standard Easter egg, which is not guaranteed to be safe for those with allergies. Please email the PTA at anthonyroperpta@gmail.com to discuss requirements.



Awards

Numbots Champions

Bear Class - Iris, Edie, Romir

Mae Class - Elliott, Poppy, Robert

Knight Class - Theodore, Hudson, Jacob

Armstrong Class - Faith-Evelyn, Anna, Fenton

Rose Class - Edison, Ayla, Rory

Tull Class - Sophia, Harry, 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, Harrison, George

Othello Class - Poppy, Lucienne, Marguerite

Einstein Class - Levi, Tabitha, Arthur

Zephaniah Class - Kaius, Emily D, Emily C-J

Da Vinci Class - Mia, Thomas, Bronte

[Achievement Awards](#)

Bear Class - Winnie

Mae Class - Olivia

Knight Class - Arabella

Armstrong Class - Lilly

Rose Class - Lydia & Belle

Tull Class - Harry

Rashford Class - Arissa

Othello Class - Emily & Carter

Einstein Class - Aston

Zephaniah Class - Caitlin

Da Vinci Class - Clark

[House Points](#)

Knole - 245

Chartwell - 190

Penshurst - 258

Ightham - 178





