

KS2 News



The children came back after Christmas full of energy and enthusiasm for our new topic. All the classes have held a pre-learning afternoon to launch their work on Amazing Architecture. It was lovely to see so many parents supporting their children with their learning. There has been some amazing art and DT work completed already. You can see some of this work on the display in the hall and in the KS2 area.

The children have also embraced the blogging project and there are some fantastic pieces on the site. They really enjoy seeing how many visits their blog page has got, so go and take a look. The children would also appreciate any comments about their work.

We say goodbye to Miss Baker on Friday as she leaves to go on maternity leave. We will keep you informed about the new arrival!

Lateness

Please can I remind everyone that school starts at **9:00am**.

We have had a large number of children this term arriving at school after the bell rings.

The doors are open from 8:50 am and I would appreciate your support in ensuring that your children are in school by 9 o' clock. Not only is this important for a child's attendance, but it also minimises disruption in class.

KS1 News



Once again, the pre-learning sessions in Y1 and Y2 were a huge success. Both classes focused upon the topic of 'Let It Grow', with classes researching and identifying plants and planting seeds. Thank you to all those parents/carers who were able to attend, they were very busy and productive sessions.

To support our science curriculum, we (nervously) welcomed the 'Wriggly Roadshow' into our classes for the morning. The children were able to look closely at, stroke and even hold a range of animals including a snake, a chameleon, a lizard and a tarantula! It was an amazing opportunity for the children to get up close with the animals and the children had a thoroughly enjoyable and memorable experience.

Y1 and Y2 have begun a six week block of judo sessions each Tuesday. The children are learning respect and discipline. They are also learning how to floor and pin down an opponent as well as to break a fall safely. The children are having a great time and learning a whole host of new and beneficial skills.

EYFS News



Reception class have started the New Year with a bang (or should I say a roar!) with our new dinosaur theme. The children have really been enjoying learning about the different types of dinosaurs, including carnivores and herbivores. We have been thinking about different kinds of animals, including dinosaurs, and whether they lay eggs or not. The children enjoyed exploring a variety of mysterious egg-shaped objects, including eggs made from ice last week.

All children are enjoying the blogging project and they are all very keen to take home Harley Bear. Lots of children have also been watching and commenting on our various videos at home. We were very excited to see that a famous author, Nick Sharratt, who wrote one of our favourite dinosaur books had been on our blog and watched our dinosaur hunt video. He said it was 'Dinotastic.' I'm sure you would think so too. If you haven't had a chance to look at any of our learning videos and blog posts please go to www.gillibrandblogs.net/oak2018

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It's been another busy start to the term with lots happening already. Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended the pre learning sessions in school. I hope you found them useful? In school the children are focusing on the school value of learning from our mistakes this half term as well as remembering all our other school values: perseverance, self-belief, honesty, kindness and pride in our school.

Miss Baker starts her maternity leave on Friday, Miss Ayres starts in Year 5 on Monday and Mrs Clark moves into Year 6. We all wish Miss Baker the very best and look forward to meeting the new arrival soon.

Due to the cold weather we are currently experiencing, please can I remind you all to send your children to school with hat, scarves and gloves.

Please ensure you check the school website regularly for photos of what the children have been up to and also read the class blogs. There's some very impressive writing on there! If you can, we'd love to see even more parents writing comments. Thank you for your support.

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Spring Term Diary Dates

Monday 4th February-Maths Week

Monday 4th February-Maths Parent meeting
@ 2:30pm

Tuesday 5th February-Safer Internet Day

Thursday 14th February- Valentine Disco

Friday 15th February-Finish for half term

Monday 25th February-INSET Day-school
closed

Tuesday 26th February-school opens

