



Dear Parents and Carers,

Wishing you a very Happy New Year!

Thank you very much on behalf of all the staff and myself for your cards, gifts and wishes, it's very kind of you and much appreciated.

We have received lots of positive comments about all the various events last term, which many of you enjoyed, thank you. Really well done to the foundation stage and the 'Hey Ewe' version of the Nativity, KS1 for performing 'A Christmas Recipe' and lower KS2 children 'Lights Camel Action'. A big well done to upper KS2 who performed at St. Edwin's Church last term ~ they were just wonderful! All funds raised selling the raffle tickets at our concerts has been given to key stages to buy core books for literacy lessons. Thank you for your support.



I have been very pleased with the way that the children have come back to school this week, so eager to learn and looking very smart too with lots of 'happy new haircuts' and new uniform ~ they look lovely and are a credit to our families.

Attendance was excellent during the Autumn Term with 59 Awards presented to children with no absences and no lates and 172 children completing our Autumn Attendance Challenge! ~ thank you so much for your support. I'm sure attendance will continue to be excellent during the important Spring Term. Mrs Allen (Inclusion lead) is happy to support any families with attendance worries.

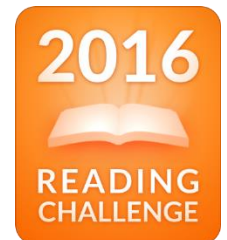
Reading For Life:

We will be launching from January new reading challenges in each class.

School support children in developing their reading skills through shared, guided and 1-1 reading.

To help your child become a lifelong learner and confident reader **all children across school will be challenged to read at least 3 times a week at home**. Just 5 minutes at bedtime reading really helps!

We will have class trackers and those who meet this target will earn book stamps towards new book awards and free books from school! **Can your child meet the challenge?**



Nursery children ~ Really well done to our new FS1 children who have come to school for the very first time and have clearly enjoyed it. Well done to all the boys and girls and their families!

Welcome ~ school has welcomed Mrs Chowings 5/6 teacher, Mrs Allen Inclusion and Mrs Ryan SENCO to our team this January.

Meetings for Year 2 and Year 6 parents coming soon - These meeting will be about SATs (Standard Assessment Tasks) which by law we have to complete with your children each year.

This year Key Stage 1 (Year 2) and KS2 (Year 6) SATs will take place as follows:

o Year 6 ~ Week commencing 8th May – it is very important that your child attends every day

o Year 2 ~ Week commencing 15th May and 22nd May- it is very important that your child attends every day

ATTENDANCE WINNERS

This week's class winners on 100% attendance are
1/2M and 5/6B classes.
Well done!



Internet and mobile phone children's safety - For your awareness, please read information on the hyperlink below about a popular app with children that is experiencing safety concerns:

<https://www.common sense media.org/website-reviews/roblox/user-reviews/adult#>

As laptops, phones, consoles etc were very popular Christmas gifts can we please remind parents and carers to:

- * only allow children to use age appropriate apps and sites
- * keep settings private
- * don't allow your children to play online with strangers (there is no way of knowing who people are)
- * look over your child's shoulder regularly - see what is on the screen, encourage your children to show you what they are doing
- * If children are using headsets monitor who they are talking to, you may not approve of the language that others use online!
- * be aware that software is readily available that allows hackers / undesirables to access your devices, hack into the cameras and also with the use of the location services enabled on your device, the device and its user are traceable to within 50metres

If you or your child experiences any concerns when using an app or online game/site:

- * Report any concerns and check the CEOP and Think You Know sites regularly for help and advice on how to keep your family safe online

<https://ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

www.thinkuknow.co.uk<<http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>>

Dates for your diary:

By giving you these dates we try to allow as much notice as possible, however on some occasions the odd date may need to change, please keep the latest newsletter and check on school's website.

- 12th January – Kingswood Parents Meeting
- 17th January class 5/6B visit to Murton Park WW11
- 18th January class 5/6E visit to Murton Park WW11
- 20th January – 'Bike It'
- 2nd February – School Nurse - Safe Touch (Year 1)
- 3rd February – 'Bike It'
- 10th February – 'Bike It'
- w/b: 20th February – **HALF TERM**
- 27th February – Year 5 residential visit to Kingswood
- 2nd March – Book Fayre
- 13th March – Big Pedal Assembly
- 24th March – **Teacher Training Day**
- 3rd & 4th April classes 3K 3/4H & 4/5T visit to Murton Park Viking Village
- 7th April – **School closes for EASTER**
- 24th April – **BACK TO SCHOOL**

With many thanks for your support,

Mrs Faye Parish

Head Teacher