



Newsletter 22 – 24th February 2025

Knowledge begins with respect for God (Proverbs 1:7)

This half-term's value is 'Service' (Mark 10:35)

Attendance

Now that we are entering the second half of this school year, it's a good time to remind you all about our attendance policy. This was included in the second newsletter of this school year and contains some very clear thresholds for actions:

- When a child misses 6 sessions of school (3 days), a text message is sent to parents/carers
- When a child misses 12 sessions of school (6 days), parents/carers are invited in to discuss their child's attendance with me
- When a child misses 20 sessions of school (10 days), parents/carers are invited in for a further meeting with me and a parenting contract will be put into place.
- When a child misses 30 sessions of school (15 days), we will refer the case to the Local Authority and an Inclusion Officer will become involved.

A school day includes around 5.25 hours of learning time, so:

- a child who is absent for 3 days will miss around 16 hours of learning;
- a child who is absent for 6 days will miss around 32 hours of learning;
- a child who is absent for 10 days will miss around 53 hours of learning;
- a child who is absent for 15 days will miss around 79 hours of learning.

A child with the **minimum** level of attendance expected by the Government would miss around 5 days of school (26 hours) during a whole school year.

In many of my conversations with parents/carers of children who have missed days of school due to not feeling well (colds, slight temperature etc), I am asking them to send their child in to school even if they're not feeling 100%. If children are given a dose of Calpol before coming to school and parents/carers given us permission to give them another dose at lunchtime, this is usually enough to see them through the day. If a child is clearly not well enough to remain in school, we will always ring you to come and collect them.



Parents/carers are sometimes shocked when they see just how many days their child has missed. When this is talked about in terms of how many hours of learning they have missed, it is clear to see what sort of effect a child's absence can have on their learning and progress.

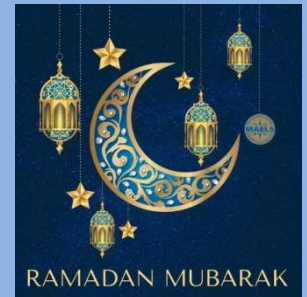
Term Dates

The last day of term is Friday 4th April. School closes at 3.00pm on that day. We return on Tuesday 22nd April at 8.20am (Breakfast Club from 7.45am). Please use these dates when planning holidays or trips abroad.

Ramadan

The holy month of Ramadan will soon be upon us. I would like to remind all parents/carers about some practicalities:

- Fasting: in school, only children in Year 5 and 6 will be able to fast. They will be provided with an alternative place to go and take part in some quiet activities while the rest of their friends are eating their lunch.
- Headscarves: during Ramadan, some girls who do not normally wear a headscarf choose to do so. Please could all parents and carers remember the school uniform code: headscarves should be either plain black or purple (to match the school uniform) and have no sequins/decoration. It must be a short (shoulder length), pullover scarf with no fastening.



I hope that everyone observing Ramadan finds it a real blessing.

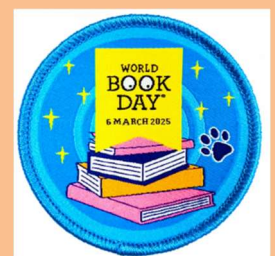
Class Assemblies

A big thank you to the Hawks' class for their excellent assembly about the importance of exercise and healthy eating just before the half term break. Thanks also to all the parents and carers who were able to come along to support their children – it was great to see so many of you!

The next class assembly will be led by the Kestrels' class and will be taking place on Wednesday, 12th March at 8.40am in the school hall. Parents and carers of children in the Kestrels' class are very welcome to join us for this.

World Book Day

Advance notice that we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 6th March. On this day children will be encouraged to wear comfortable clothes for reading in – we did this last year for the first time and it saved parents buying anything special or fretting about costumes! If your child would like to dress up, they are welcome to do so.



Best wishes

Julian Rogers
Headteacher

Staffing News

Mrs Minoprio-Nicholson will not be in school this half term as she is having a medical procedure. She will be returning to school after the Easter holidays. Mrs Saffiyah Patel will be teaching the Hawks' class during Mrs Minoprio-Nicholson's absence.

This week's Amazing Achievers!

You've Been Spotted!

Children who have been demonstrating one of our school values:

Amelia Murimira – Robins Blue
 Zamin Faisal – Robins Green
 Haniya Farooq – Woodpeckers
 Salahuddin Nawaz – Kingfishers
 Ahmed Hassan – Swallows
 Armaan Ahmed – Doves
 Aliyah Malik – Owls
 Ahmad Mahmood – Kestrels
 Khalid Hussain – Hawks
 Sofia Bhamji – Falcons
 Bayane El-Mansori – Eagles

Headteacher's Award

Children chosen for a special achievement:

Rocco Smith – Robins Blue
 Aaron Patel – Robins Green
 Alayna Hussain – Woodpeckers
 Haris Jahangir – Kingfishers
 Azaan Qureshi – Swallows
 Aleena Bhamji – Doves
 Hawa Atif – Owls
 Anayah Faisal – Kestrels
 Azaan Hussain – Hawks
 Hajirah Mahmood – Falcons
 Abdul Hadi – Eagles

Recent Reading Badges

Robins (Green Carpet)

Aliza Chaudhry – Bronze

Robins (Blue Carpet)

Hana Zohaib – Bronze

Kingfishers

Khadijah Faiz – Topaz

Bushra Kousar – Gold

Hawks

Sakina Shah – Jet, Adam Shah – Bronze Star

Shan Akhtar – Silver Star

Mahnoor Ayoub & Fatima Noor – Gold Star

Authors of the Week

Key Stage 2 children who have excelled in their writing recently:

Doves – Simrah Hajat

Owls – Aamina Bhamji

Kestrels – Ebraheem Sadiq & Salman Khaled

Hawks – Hamza Khuram

Falcons – Hajirah Mahmood

Eagles – Reyhaan Mulla

Mrs Martin's Class of the Week:

Kingfisher's

Mrs Fenton's Star:

Ahmed Hassan (Swallows)

Mr Richardson's Lunchtime Awards:

Eesha Hussain (Robins) & Rosen Vasilev (Falcons)

Last Week's Attendance

| | Best attendance | Best punctuality |
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| Infants | Robins Blue (100%) | Kingfishers |
| Juniors | Doves | Kestrels & Falcons |