

Message from the head

Welcome back to you all. I hope you had a restful half term. After spending the last few days of term with Year 5 at Sayer's Croft on their residential I definitely needed it! It was great to see the children there having such a good time and pushing themselves in new experiences. There is a great series of videos on our twitter account showing one group really persevering and working as a team to solve a 'team challenge'. If you haven't seen it yet do have a look. This is shaping up to be another busy term with lots on. Please see the 'dates for the diary' below—as more events and trips are added this term we will update the list. Have a great weekend and see you all on Monday.

Christmas Fair Meeting : Get Involved!

The Christmas Fair is approaching (December 1, 12-3pm) and we'd like to invite you all to a meeting to help with planning. Everyone has something they can contribute - help on the day, help beforehand, new contacts with local businesses, collecting donations, making or baking festive goods, and donations of items or time to name but a few. Parents, Carers and class reps please join us on Tuesday 7th November at 3.30 in the QUBE to chat about how we can all help make it a fantastic day! Everyone welcome! Kids can play in qube or playground. See you there!

From Anna, Alison, Mette and Jo from the Parents' Association.

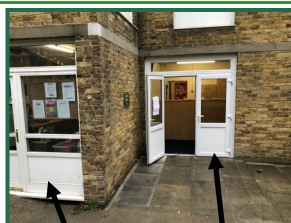
P.S. We would also like to hear your thoughts and ideas about inviting locals to join us to hold a stall - perhaps you know someone who sells or makes quality products or Christmas giftware? Do let us know.

Parent Gym

Thanks to those who came to the Parent Gym Session today. There is only 1 session left, next Friday. We hope to see you there—we'll be running it again next year if you weren't able to come this time.

New Office

Thanks to everyone for their patience at the start of the week while the office was getting settled in their new location. Please can we ask that you use the entrance from the bottom of the entrance ramp to come in, rather than in through the school. Please also avoid using the old corridor to exit the school. You can get out to the gate much quicker by going via the office if you find yourself in the grounds once the gate has been locked in the morning.



Door to
Y2

Entrance to
New Office

Parent Hub

Please help us save money on texts by using the Parent Hub app. If you haven't signed up yet or are having problems receiving messages see Lisa in the Office as soon as you can to avoid missing messages.

Punctuality Award

This week, our Punctuality award goes to Reception and Year 3 with **NO LATES!** Well done to those two classes. Year 6 were just behind with just 1 late. Well done.



Attendance Award

Our Attendance Award this week goes to Year 1 with 97.49%. Well done to them! Lets see if a class can get 100% next week.



Attendance & Punctuality Update

We would like to thank the whole Fleet community for your help and support in improving our attendance over the last couple of years. Our attendance for the first half of the term was 97.2%-above our target of 96%. We have 60% of the school with 100% attendance (compared to only 55% last year at this point) and 3 classes have returned 100% weeks which is fantastic! The number of children with attendance below 90% - the figure the government considers to be 'persistent absenteeism' has also come down on this time last year (currently only 16 children-it was 41 this time last year). We know we can get even better. A huge thankyou to all of you for doing your best to support your children to be in—even when they may not be feeling 100%. We know it will make a difference to their outcomes. In terms of punctuality, just over 60% of the school have had no lates! Well done to all of them. However, 12% (24 children) have been late more than twice already this term. We know we can improve this. If you're having difficulties getting to school on time or coming in at all, please come and speak to us. Letters will be sent out soon to some families about attendance and punctuality and in some cases meetings will be arranged. This is to find out what we can do to help and improve both attendance and punctuality and how we can best work together to improve things. In the meantime if you have any questions or queries come and see us.



TERM DATES 2018/19

Autumn Term	Half Term:	Bank Holiday:
Last Day of Term:	Mon 18th—Fri 22nd Feb	Mon 6th May
Fri 21st Dec	Last Day of Term:	Half Term:
	Fri 5th April	Mon 27th—Fri 31st May
Spring Term	Summer Term	Last Day of Term:
First Day of Term:	First Day of Term:	Tue 23rd July
Tues 8th Jan	Wed 24th April	

Dates for your calendar

5th November	Home Learning Exhibition in the Hall 3:30pm
6th November	Home Learning Exhibition in the Hall 8.30am
8th November	Y1 to Sobell Centre & Y5 to the CLC & Y2 Class Tea
12-16th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
12th November	Y3 to the CLC
13th Nov & 4th, 11th & 18th Dec	Y3 to Talacre (am)
15th November	Y5 to Cinema & Y1 Class Tea
15th November	Yr1-Y6 Parents Meetings
16th November	Y1 Class Assembly
19th November	Y5 to Maritime Museum
21st November	Y3 to Cinema
22nd November	Y6 to Cinema & Reception Class Tea
23rd November	Y6 Museum Takeover Day at Burgh House
27th November	Y3 to the CLC & Y2 to the Postal Museum
28th November	Y6 to the CLC & Nursery to the Theatre
29th November	Y5 to the Discovery Centre & Nursery Class Tea
30th November	Y5 Brass Jam at Gospel Oak
1st December	Christmas Fair
6th December	Infant Christmas Show
12th December	Reception to Theatre
13th December	Junior Christmas Show—in the evening (tickets)
14th December	Junior Christmas Show—10am
18th December	Christmas Lunch
19th December	Infant Christmas Parties
20th December	Junior Christmas Parties

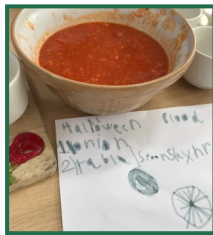
Star of the Week Awards—this weeks winners...



Well done to our 'Stars of the Week' for their Rec—Jarod, Y1—Hunter, Y2—Aman, Y3—Gloria, Y4—Alesha, Y5—All of them!, Y6—Ibrahim

Stars of the Week - Candice's Cooking Club!

There was a 'Halloween' vibe to the cooking this week. Candice and the children chosen as stars of the week last week used the last of our garden grown tomatoes to make some 'Halloween Blood Soup' - onion, pepper and tomato really! It was super tasty. Well done to all of them.



This week Year 4 went to the National Portrait Gallery and had a go at sketching some of the paintings they saw. What a talented bunch they are.

National Portrait Gallery

Happiness Project:

Bust a move!

As part of our current Happiness Project theme 'Try something new', classes this week had breakdancing workshops. They were a huge success! Ask your children to show you some of the moves they learnt and have a go yourselves!



This week we started a project working with 'Bookmark' - an organisation that finds volunteers to go into school and read with children. As part of this project we had some money to spend on new books. Ms. Hanfling went through the wish list of

Thank you Bookmark!

books we produced with your help last term for restocking our library and on Monday she showed the children what she had been able to purchase with the money. There were a lot of excited faces at the new books available to borrow. This term Bookmark will be working with some children in year 1 and 2 to help them develop confidence as readers.



Year 5 - Sayers Croft Fun

Just before half term Year 5 went to Sayer's Croft and had an absolutely amazing time—they were brilliant. Everyone got stuck into all the activities and as you can see from the smiles above they had so much fun. Hopefully over half term they have caught up on their sleep and are rested and ready for the fun of this term—we were very proud of them all. Big thank you to Ms Kingham, Ms. Wall, Anna, Sue and Mimosa for going with them.

Home learning projects for Years 2-6 are due in on Monday. Please take them to classrooms and we will gather them at the end of the day to set up in the hall for the Exhibition.

The hall will be open after school on Monday and before school on the Tuesday—please come and have a look at all the amazing work we know the children will have done.

These projects are a great way to let the children be as creative as possible and to also share with you at home all the things they learn in school during their topics.

We know they really enjoy it when people can celebrate with them their hard work so we hope lots of you are able to come along and see for yourselves just how talented our children are.

Home Learning Projects