

Headteacher's Bulletin

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Dear Parents,

We had a visit from the Local Authority this week to review the progress that the school is making on our improvement journey. The two days were a huge success with lots of positives being shared with the leadership team. Three main threads flowed through the days:

1. How happy, calm and purposeful our school is;
2. How inclusive we are in supporting all our children's needs;
3. How focussed we are as a whole community on securing the improvements required.

Our curriculum approach was described as unique and innovative and our children's behaviour as exemplary. At this point in time, I couldn't be prouder!

Thank you for your support.

Matt Hickey - Headteacher



Spring Diary Dates



FOH Disco

Thursday 13th February, FS & KS1 3.25 to 16.05 & KS2 16.15 to 17.15

Inset Day – School closed

Friday 14th February

Half Term – School closed

17th – 21st February

KS1 SPLAT

Tuesday 10th March 1.30 – 3.15pm

Foundation Stage SPLAT

Wednesday 11th March

F1 – 10.00 – 11.30am

F2 – 1.30 – 3.15pm

Lower KS2 SPLAT

Tuesday 17th March, 1.30 – 3.15pm

Upper KS2 SPLAT

Wednesday 18th March, 1.30 – 3.15pm

Year 3/4 Production

Wednesday 1st April, 6.00 – 7.00pm

Thursday 2nd April, 2.00 – 3.00pm

FOH Easter Trail

Thursday 2nd April, 3.15 – 4.15pm

Last day of Spring term

Friday 3rd April at 1.30pm – **no After School Club on this day**

First day of Summer term

Monday 20th April 2020



Year 6 talk on refugee experiences

Year 6 had a visit from the CEO of the charity SKT Welfare, who work in some of the world's poorest communities providing, for example, emergency relief, food, water, healthcare and education. They work with refugees in several places including Syria, and he spoke to the class about the real experiences of children living in refugee camps. A very thought-provoking visit for the Year 6s who all showed compassion and asked thoughtful questions.

Star Gazing at Reading Blue Coat School

Selected Year 5 pupils were invited to a star-studded evening at Reading Blue Coat School, run by volunteers from the Reading Astronomical Society. The children enjoyed a talk by one of the volunteers with beautiful photos of astronomical phenomena, and had fun pacing out the distances between the planets. The weather was ideal for star-gazing and the children were lucky enough to be able to use the telescopes to see the moon, Mercury, Venus and Pleiades, and the International Space Station!



Don't forget!

Friday 14th February is an inset day and the school will be closed.

It is fantastic that so many pupils are using scooters and bikes to get to school but please remember that these must **not** be ridden in the grounds for safety reasons.



Highwood Sports – House Hockey

Great organisation by the House captains this week with all four Houses competing with legal teams. The matches were very close with some great play, giving Mr Edwards the chance for some talent spotting for the hockey tournament next half term! It is all to play for in a top of the table clash between Red Kites and Eagles next Thursday, with a huge 50 House points up for grabs!

