



Weekly Newsletter Friday November 10th 2023

Message from the Headteacher

I have returned from a fantastic week's school residential in Somerset, Children from Yr 4 and 5 spent a week at Magdalen Farm. They learned about **living in a contrasting part of England**. Every day was packed with activities: feeding the animals to building dens and campfires. Children learned to be resilient and independent. We are very proud of them all!

Stars of the Week



Idris Raja in Nursery for performing nursery rhymes in front of the class using a loud, clear voice.

Attendance

N- 80%
R- 98%
1- 93%
2- 94%
3- 92%
4- 93%
5- 89%
6- 91%

Well done to **Reception** for achieving 98% attendance last week.

Attendance was very low across the school last week. Please can parents ensure that they still **send children in when the other children in the class are on a school residential**. Children are still expected in school; planning is in place.

Is My Child Too Ill for School?

Please refer to these NHS guidelines when thinking about whether your child can go to school. We need to reduce unnecessary absences from school.
[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)

Oracy Target

This week children have been working on our oracy target:

*I can summarise my thoughts about a big idea in clear sentences:
'I think...'
'This lesson we learned...'*

Please practise summarising ideas with your children

WD Wrap Around Care

Wrap Around Care (childcare) is available for all children. Contact Bhumi or Ridhwan on the admin email if you want to book sessions. All information is on the website: [William Davis' Wraparound Care](#)

Magdalen Farm

If you would like to look at our photos from Magdalen farm please follow this link on the website home page:

[Magdalen Farm - WILLIAM DAVIS PRIMARY SCHOOL](#)

Can you spot all the activities that children participated in?

Parent Sessions

Coffee Morning on Wednesdays 9-10 am in the Parents Rm run by Yasmin- all welcome
Toy Library Thursdays Hoyam and Dilara
Felix Food Project Friday 2:30-3:30 run by Yasmin, Hoyan , Muna.

We are very grateful for the time and energy that our parent volunteers offer the school.

Uniform

We have noticed that many children are coming to school in the wrong uniform. Please check the website and ensure that your child is dressed in the correct uniform and PE kit.
<http://www.williamdavis.org.uk/uniform.html>

Evolving situation in the Middle East

We have noticed children's growing awareness and concern about the situation in Gaza and Israel. It is a challenging and distressing time and children will look to adults for a sense of safety and security.

Please take time to read this Unicef guidance for parents about talking to children about conflict and war.
<https://www.unicef.org/parenting/how-talk-your-children-about-conflict-and-war>

Please talk to us if you are concerned about your child.

Important dates Autumn term 2023

Nov 20th Open afternoon EYFS
Nov 23rd Open morning EYFS

Thur 14th Dec - Winter Fayre/
Festival of Triangles
Fri 22nd Dec last day of term close 1:30 pm

EYFS Open Morning and Open Afternoon

Do you have a child ready to start Nursery or Reception in September 2024?

**Monday Nov 20th 3:45-4:45
Open Afternoon EYFS
Thursday Nov 23rd 10:00-11:00
Open morning EYFS
Please come and visit !**

Magic Breakfast

Children are welcome to come into school for breakfast on a daily basis. Staff prepare toasted bagels or cereal and milk. Children must be in between 8:00 and 8:30 to be served breakfast.



Posters on Newsletter

Please see below:

- ★ Zones of Regulation
- ★ Internet Safety

Online Safety

Keeping children safe online is our joint responsibility. Make sure that you have parental controls in place; and that you know the sites and Apps that your children use. Check the school's online safety policy on the website. [Safeguarding and Child Protection - WILLIAM DAVIS PRIMARY SCHOOL](#)

Book Amnesty

Please return all school books to the class next week so that the book corners can be stored. There are lots of books missing.

Parent Reader Needed

We have one volunteer ready to start after half term. Thank you!

We need another volunteer reader to work with a KS 2 child new to the country. Ideally this volunteer would read with the child daily 9:00-9:30. See Annika or Siobhan.

Sight and Hearing Tests

Please get your child's hearing and sight checked if you have concerns about them. Unfortunately our school nurse does not routinely screen children. School and parents need to work together to identify when a child can't see the board or hear class instructions. Please talk to your child and contact your GP or optician if you need to book a screening. You will have an opportunity to discuss this when you meet your child's teacher on October 17th.

Uniform Stall

Look out for the monthly uniform stall on a Friday afternoon run by parents, Hoyam and Dilara

Birthday Celebrations

Although we have stopped our custom of parents sharing birthday sweets in the playground at hometime, please be reassured that we still sing and give children a sticker and pencil when they celebrate their birthday.

WhatsApp

School will be making the move to messaging being delivered via WhatsApp instead of via text. Messaging will be purely to communicate information; there will be no reply facility.

Could parents save tel. no. **07383404730** as William Davis to their contacts.

Please see the office if you don't use WhatsApp



Reading for Pleasure

Are you a member at the Whitechapel Ideas Store? Why not join this weekend and be a regular visitor to borrow books for you and your children.

Check out the website:

[Idea Store Whitechapel](#)

CHARGES

Reminders:

In order to replace books lost at home we will charge £5 for lost books.

EYFS parents will be charged £3 / term for perishable items.

Repeated late pick ups from ASC will incur an increased fine- see the **Charging and Remissions Policy** on the website.

Fathers and Male Carers

Fathers Football at Thomas Buxton Thursday mornings - see Russell. See poster below.

Sweets and Snacks

Please can I ask parents to help us promote healthy eating habits. If you want your children to have a snack at home time - **bring some fruit or a bagel**. Please avoid sweets, crisp etc that are high in sugar and fat. Please encourage water or milk.

POETRY BY
HEART

Moonlit Apples (1917)

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At the top of the house the apples are laid in rows,
And the skylight lets the moonlight in, and those
Apples are deep-sea apples of green. There goes
A cloud on the moon in the autumn night.

A mouse in the wainscot scratches, and scratches, and then
There is no sound at the top of the house of men
Or mice; and the cloud is blown, and the moon again
Dapples the apples with deep-sea light.

They are lying in rows there, under the gloomy beams;
On the sagging floor; they gather the silver streams
Out of the moon, those moonlit apples of dreams,
And quiet is the steep stair under.



In the corridors under there is nothing but sleep.
 And stiller than ever on orchard boughs they keep
 Tryst with the moon, and deep is the silence, deep
 On moon-washed apples of wonder.

The ZONES of Regulation®

<p>BLUE ZONE</p> <p>Sad Sick Tired Bored Moving Slowly</p>	<p>GREEN ZONE</p> <p>Happy Calm Feeling Okay Focused Ready to Learn</p>	<p>YELLOW ZONE</p> <p>Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Excited Loss of Some Control</p>	<p>RED ZONE</p> <p>Mad/Angry Terrified Yelling/Hitting Elated Out of Control</p>

What zone am I in?



sad 		tired 		calm 		I'm ready to work 		silly or wiggly 		upset 		frustrated 		mad 	
sick 		bored 		happy 		I'm okay 		hyper 		confused 		yelling 		hitting 	

Use tools to get in the green zone

drink of water 	count 	deep breaths 	squeeze and release 	wall push ups 	use fidgets 	draw 	write this 	talk with adults
take a break 	self talk 	take a walk 	stretch 	volcano breath 	lift something heavy 	ask for a snack 	think of a calm place 	listen to music



10 INTERNET SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS

- 1** Don't block all access to technology. Help your child learn to use tech **safely** and **positively**.
- 2** Take an **interest** in your child's favourite apps or sites. Co-view or co-create at times.
- 3** Be the parent. You're in charge. Set **boundaries** and consider using filtering software.
- 4** Create a family media **agreement** with tech free zones such as cars, bedrooms, and meals.
- 5** Teach your child what **personal information** they should not reveal online (YAPPY acronym).
- 6** Help your child learn to **filter** information online and navigate fact from fiction.
- 7** Navigate digital **dilemmas** with your child. Avoid using devices as rewards or punishments.
- 8** **Balance** green time and screen time at home. Focus on basic developmental needs.
- 9** Don't support your child to sign up for sites with **age restrictions** (e.g. 13+) if they're underage.
- 10** **Learn more:** Explore reliable resources for parents so you can educate yourself.

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