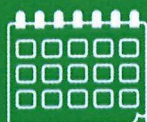




Dates for Your

## DIARY



Friday 24th March

PTA Spring Disco

W/b 27th March

Parent/carer evenings this week

Thursday 30th March

Y4 fundraising day (details to follow)

Friday 31st March

Last day of school

Monday 17th April

First day back at school

Monday 1st / Monday 8th May

Bank holidays

Tuesday 9th —Friday 12th May

KS2 SATs week for Year 6 pupils

Friday 26th May

Last day of school

Monday 5th June

First day back at school

w/b Monday 12th June

Y1 Phonics screening week

Friday 30th June

PD day—school closed to pupils

Friday 21st July

Last day of school

# NEWSLETTER

A message from the

## PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we had great fun celebrating World Book Day. We buddied up classes so that children could share their favourite book with a different age group. It was fantastic to see such a wide range of books. Every child has received their World Book Day voucher which can be exchanged for a free book.

As you know we believe reading is a vital skill for children to learn at Primary School. It is fantastic to see so many children engaging with our reward scheme for reading at home. We already have some Platinum winners.

British Science Week is taking

place from Friday March 10th. Therefore the focus subject this month is Science. You can find out more about how we teach Science at school. Keep an eye on Class Dojo that week as we will be sharing fun facts and activities.

Also in this newsletter are attendance updates and reminders. Please do ensure you read these so that we all understand the requirements around attendance.

This term we have welcomed Mrs Hill to our teaching assistant team and Miss Prior to our MDSA team.

*Naomi Brown*  
**Principal**







# Safeguarding

We all know how important a persons' well-being and mental health is to their learning and life prospects. Well-being is just feeling good about yourself and your life.

Mental Health is made up of our emotional, psychological, and social well-being. It affects how we think, feel, and act. It also helps determine how we handle stress, relate to others, and make choices.

With all these concerns and issues one thing we must remember is that **It's ok not to be ok!**

If you are feeling like you are suffering mentally, help is out there if you need it. Below are organisations that you can call for advice and support.



Call your local team on 0300 123 1781.

NHS 111 option 2. Contact the helpline by calling NHS 111 and select option 2.



Suffolk User Forum

The website also offers a signposting directory for support. The Infoline is 0300 123 3393.



SANE runs a national, out-of-hours mental health helpline offering specialist emotional support. They are open every day of the year from 4:30pm to 10:30pm, via 0300 304 7000.

NSPCC—Offer excellent advice on mental health concerns. The web link is <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/childrens-mental-health/>

## World Book Day photos





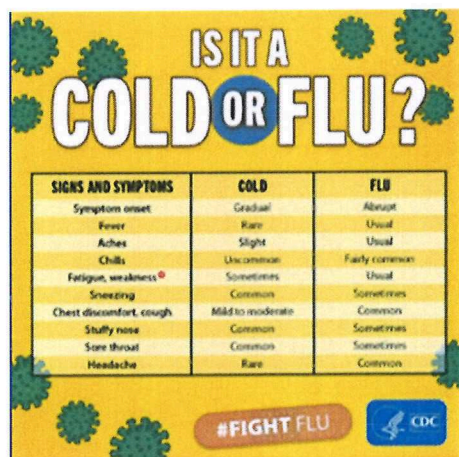
# Attendance

Below you will see our current attendance from September until the end of February. Well done to Year 5 for being over 95%. We have 3 classes who are at 96%. Well done to Blueberry, Lightning and Meteor classes.

Whole School	94%
Reception	90.0%
Year 1	93.2%
Year 2	93.7%
Year 3	94.9%
Year 4	94.7%
Year 5	95.5%
Year 6	92.9%

As you know there have been changes to absences that can and cannot be authorised. Here is a useful link to the Public Health England guidance that we follow—[https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/sites/default/files/](https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/sites/default/files/Guidance_on_infection_control_in_20schools_poster.pdf)

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# Quick reminders

## Authorised absence

Please use the information on the left to help with understanding what is authorised and unauthorised. We will not authorise minor things such as a tummy ache, headache, cold etc. Holidays must not be booked during term time and these will not be authorised.

## Uniform

Thank you to those who are wearing the correct uniform. We still have a handful of children wearing their own hoodie on PE days—**please remember to wear your school jumper over your PE kit.**

## Trips

It is fantastic to have the return of school trips. Please check School Money to make payments. You can request a barcode from the school office if you wish to pay cash at a paypoint machine. Please check each letter carefully for things children need as well as the departure and return time.

## Parent/carer evenings

Appointments are available to be booked via School Cloud—information was sent on Parent-mail. The meeting automatically ends after 10 minutes so please be on time for your appointment.

## Clubs

We are sending out a questionnaire to parents who use the morning club—please look out for this.

## Extreme weather

Don't forget that if we ever need to close at short notice for extreme weather or an issue with the building we will notify you via Dojo, Parentmail, and Facebook. If extreme weather is predicted please keep an eye out for any updates.



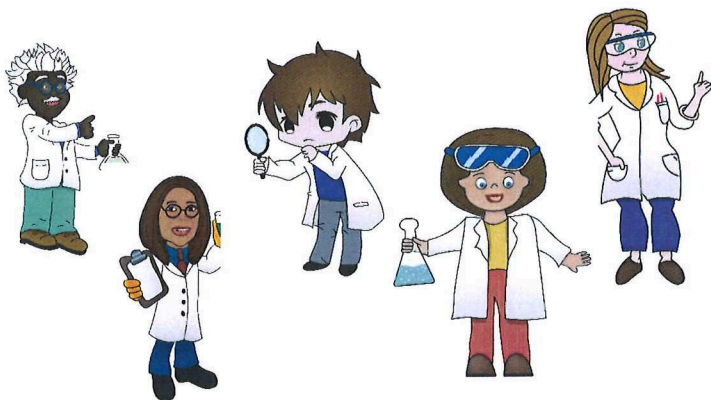
# Science

Science is taught as part of our Cornerstones curriculum from Y1—Y6. In early Years children learn about the world through their ongoing activities.

In Science children learn how to work scientifically. They ask questions, make observations, test out ideas, make observations and classify and organise things. Alongside this children learn content on plants, animals including humans, materials, rocks, light, forces and magnets, living things, states of matter, electricity, evolution and inheritance and space.

Children have the opportunity to plan and carry out scientific investigations as well as use their research skills. They have many opportunities to collaborate with their peers and work in a group.

At Great Heath we have scientific characters that help children to learn the skills of scientific enquiry: Professor Fiona Fair Test, Ozzy Observer PhD, Dr. Rachel Researcher, Professor Peter Pattern, Doctor I.C



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# World Book Day

We had a very successful World Book Day with children sharing a favourite book with peers in their class as well as with children in a different class. This was a great opportunity for children to spend time with children they don't normally work with and to find out about books they may not have heard of before. Don't forget to use your World Book day voucher to claim your free book.

We have had some children achieving great things on the Red Ted or Read to Succeed schemes and already have some Platinum readers. Here is a reminder of what children can earn for reading at home.

10 Reads = Sticker.

25 reads = Bronze certificate

50 reads = Special pencil

75 reads = Silver certificate

100 reads = Special badge

125 reads = Wristband

150 reads = Gold certificate + party

200 reads = Platinum certificate + Teddy bear/book

300 reads = Diamond certificate + bonus prize

We also continue to have great success with our Accelerated Reader scheme and have had our first word millionaire this year!