

Autumn Term 22nd October 2021



Term Dates

Half Term Fri 22nd Oct–Fri Oct 29th (inclusive)
Last day of Autumn term–Friday 17th December 2021
First day of Spring Term– Tuesday 4th January 2022

Dear Families,

What a busy first half term it has been!! We have been so proud of how all the children have settled into this new academic year and engaged with new learning challenges and experiences.

This week we welcomed Theatre Alibi into school to perform 'Stand up! (and Boogie) to each class throughout the day. The children thoroughly loved this experience! Diamond class also had the opportunity for a Q&A with the actors at the end as well as presenting them with a letter of thanks which was very much appreciated.

After half term Mrs Cook our new TA will begin working at school alongside Sapphire staff.

Wishing you all a very happy and safe half term break and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 1st November.

Best wishes

Parent Evenings

W/C 15th November

Please accept the Teams invite that has been sent to you via email from your child's class teacher. Please ensure that you save the link contained within the email, in order for you to join your meeting at your allotted date and time

NOVEMBER Stay and Play 3.20-5.15pm

Places, for S&P, must be booked using this link [CLICK HERE](#)

Each Stay and Play session, must be paid for via ParentPay, at time of booking.

School Meal Bookings

Please ensure all school meals are booked via [ParentPay](#)

By 3.30pm on the Wednesday before. If deadlines are not met, we will assume your child will be bringing in their own packed lunch.

STAR LEARNERS

Ruby Class	Reception— Borry for giving her best in everything that she does. Borry is an asset to our class and a wonderful role model to those around her. Borry has made amazing progress in phonics this half term. Thank you Borry! Reception— Kit has blossomed within his first half term at school. Kit is excited and enthusiastic about all learning; this is infectious to his peers. Thank you for a wonderful first half term Kit, keep it up!
Emerald Class	Year 1— Albertine for her amazing sentence writing this week. Albertine has been orally composing her own sentences for writing with little support. She has been recording her sentences, carefully thinking about her finger spaces, capital letters and full stops. Well done Albertine! Year 2—Samia for her wonderful problem solving in Maths in week. She has been using her knowledge of counting in multiple of 2, 5 and 10 to solve reasoning problems. Well done Samia and keep up the good work!
Sapphire Class	Year 3—Callum —has had a truly wonderful week. He has been polite, focussed and on task. Fabulous turn taking and teamwork during all areas of learning and playtimes. We are so proud of you and the way you have blossomed as a Year 3. Well done and thank you Callum! Year 4—Hollie —We would like to say a huge thank you to Hollie who is a genuine delight to have in class. She is a perfect role model to her peers. She is hard working, thoughtful, kind, respectful as well as being an amazing friend to all. What a pleasure it is to have you in Sapphire. Well done and thank you Hollie!
Diamond Class	Year 5—Kayden has produced two fantastic pieces of writing this week (a thank you letter to Theatre Alibi for their performance, and also an explanation of how our wolf team's HQ has been designed). Well done and thank you Kayden! Year 6—Chloe has worked incredibly hard on improving her spellings and has achieved some amazing scores this week. Well done and thank you Chloe!

COVID REMINDER

If your child has symptoms of coronavirus, they should not come to school. They should take a **PCR test** – not a lateral flow device test – and they should self-isolate pending the result of that test. *Lateral flow device tests are only for people who show no symptoms of having the virus.* Schools are no longer responsible for managing 'Track & Trace' this is managed by the NHS—therefore if a child tests positive all liaison is between the parent and NHS (not school). Close contacts are then advised to take a PCR (not LFT) but should continue to attend school if they do not have symptoms themselves. We will advise you in there is a positive case in class (diagnosed by a PCR test) but it will then be up to you to follow the above NHS/PHE advice. We would obviously not share names of any pupils with a positive diagnosis. Classes would only be closed if there were a 'cluster' of positive cases or there was insufficient staff to safely operate.

Messages from the Church

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