

Newsletter - Terms 3 and 4

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It is so lovely to be welcoming spring and seeing some much needed sunshine! I hope that you all have a wonderful Easter break—further down is some information about things to do over the holidays in the local area.

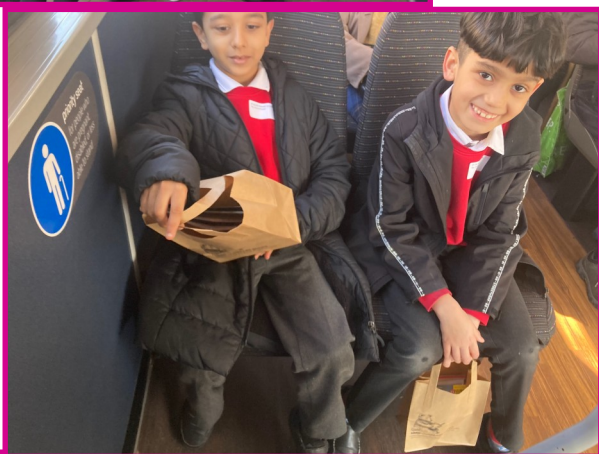
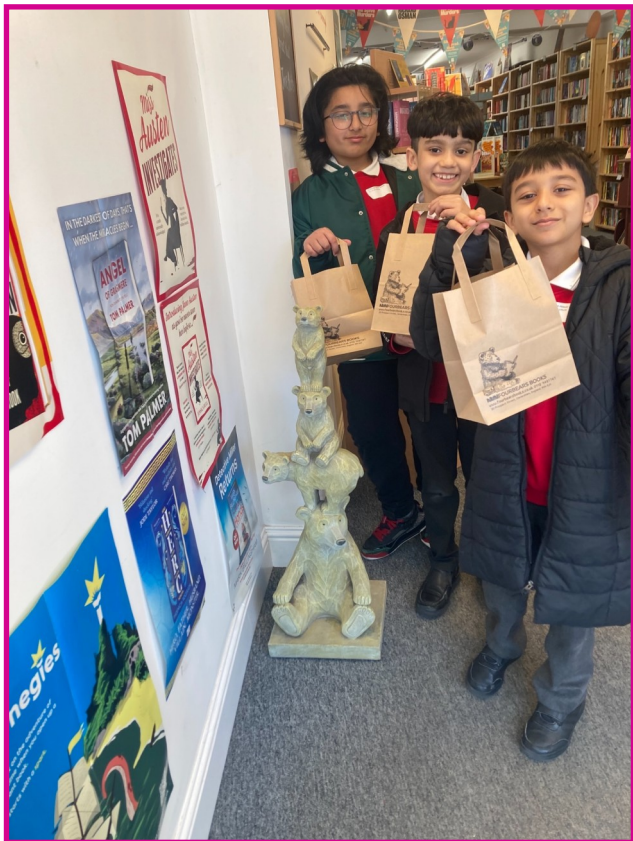
Can I make the usual plea about parking! We are still getting regular complaints from parents and residents about people parking on double yellow lines near corners creating hazards for those trying to safely cross roads. I appreciate that there are limited places to park but a few roads away there is more parking or paid parking on Northfield Road. Thank you for your co-operation.

We look forward to seeing you in April!

Mrs McMinn

Diary Dates

Friday 27th March	End of term 4
Monday 13th April	INSET day
Tuesday 14th April	Pupil start term 5
Friday 22nd May	End of term 5— May half term break
Monday 1st June	Start term 6
Thursday 4th June	Bags to School
Thursday 11th June	Caterlink World Cup themed menu day
Wednesday 17th June	After school book look for parents of children in years 1—6
Monday 29th June	INSET day
Friday 3rd July	Years 1, 2 and 3 sports day at Palmer Park (am only)
Tuesday 7th July	Year 4, 5 and 6 sports day at Palmer Park (am only)
Tuesday 21st July	Pupil end of term 6
Wednesday 22nd July	INSET day



Speech and Language have been on trains and buses.....planes next!

Attendance

Good school attendance supports children to feel confident and happy about school and learning.

A huge congratulations to the 198 children with 100% attendance for Term 4.

Absences from school cause gaps in pupil's knowledge and understanding. As children progress through school they build on their existing knowledge, however children who have gaps struggle to grasp next steps. As well as the negative impact this has on progress, this can also cause children to lack confidence and suffer from low self-esteem, stress and anxiety.

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Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.



Year Two have been designing and making healthy sandwiches! They have learnt a lot of new skills!





Year 3 have been learning about Vincent Van Gogh and created some fantastic art work in his style!

Scooters and Bikes

Please can you remind your children not to ride scooters or bikes in the playground—the reason for this is that we have had small children accidentally knocked over and bigger people with bruised shins! Thanks you for your cooperation.

Uniform

As the weather is getting warmer just a reminder that shorts and summer dresses may be worn! Shorts should be grey and the dresses white and red. Last summer we had an issue with some girls wearing very tight and short cycling shorts/hot pants—please note these are not suitable for school and we will remind children not to wear them. We also ask that shoes remain enclosed as we have had accidents with toes being caught under door jams and a closed shoe offers more protection than sandals.

A further gentle reminder that for health and safety reasons earrings worn to school should be studs only and your child must be able to remove them independently for PE.

Pupil Premium Funding

Some of our families are entitled to Pupil Premium Funding for their children; this means that the school get additional funding to support these children academically and in other ways too.

If you are in receipt of one the following benefits you may be eligible for free school meals or the pupil premium:

- 1) Income Support.
- 2) Income based Job Seeker's Allowance.
- 3) Income related Employment and Support Allowance.
- 4) Child Tax Credit - Where the family's annual income is not more than £16,190 and Working Tax Credit is not in payment.
- 5) Guarantee Pension Credit.
- 6) Support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- 7) Universal Credit.

Please ask the school office for an application form if you think this applies to your family.

Absences and Holidays

Please can you ensure that if your child is unwell that you inform the office directly by leaving a message on the dedicated absence line (option 1) or via email by 09:30am. You should provide the office with a daily update for each day your child is unable to attend school.

If you are planning to take a holiday during term time we would like to remind you that this will not be authorised and fixed penalty fines will be issued. It is important that if you are planning to take your child out of school for a holiday or for any reason/length of time that you complete and return the appropriate form—this is required so we don't have to report your child as "missing from education" . Can we also remind you of the importance of making appointments for after school as children leaving school early has the same impact as them arriving late!

Winter Fayre

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Winter Fayre a success! We made a really pleasing £812.98p but more importantly a lot of fun was had!

If you would like to offer help for the Summer fayre please let Ms Barnett know in the playground or email the office! All offers of help before the fayre or on the day are gratefully received!

If you would be interested in joining the fundraising committee then please get in touch as above—we are always on the look out for new ideas and many hands make light work!