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KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER

20 Flu Vaccinations

DECEMBER

4-8 Book Fair 3.00—3.45
8 Dec PTA Christmas Fair
2.30—4pm
13 Christmas dinner
13 Christmas jumper day for
St. Wilfred's Hospice
15 No After School Club.
15 Last day of term for school
and nursery—Christmas MUFTI

You will have received all the
dates for the class Christmas
events by PING and hardcopy
in bookbags.

All dates are also on our website.

JANUARY

- 2 Inset Day.
- 3 Return to School/Nursery.
Breakfast club opens 8am.



INSIDE WEST RISE



Dear Parents/Carers—It was so good to see so many of you during the recent Parent Consultations and to be able to report that children are very settled, happy, making progress and loving school life. Thank you so much for such great feedback during these sessions. We hope that our November newsletter and our website are helping to give you an ongoing picture of just how special it is to be with your amazing children each day.

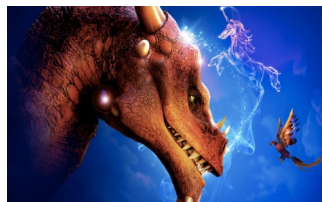
WONDERFUL LEARNING IN RECEPTION!

The children have settled back amazingly well after half term and what an exciting time it is in Reception... with a whizz, pop, bang... the children have been busy exploring lots of fun ways to use counting principles, engage in fun phonics and investigate the effects of 'Light and Dark' using torches in their 'dark role play caves', all of which is sparking lots of lovely learning. The children are leading their learning with questions such as: "Who lives in the cave?" "What animals live in a cave?" "Why is it dark in the cave?". The wonderful colours of Autumn have also inspired lots of amazing art work. The children are enjoying time in the Nature Garden, exploring nature and going on number hunts. The children are also learning about various celebrations around the world during this term including: Diwali, Remembrance Day and Bonfire Night. We are simply having so much fun!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YEAR ONE?

This term Year One are enjoying their topic 'Autumn and into the Woods'. They have been producing some wonderful Autumnal art using their new skills of colour mixing paints, tints and shades of paint. They are learning about the artist - Andy Goldsworthy - and using his art as their inspiration for creating their own artwork using nature. The children are also enjoying learning about nocturnal animals, finding out about their habitats and what nocturnal animals eat. We are delighted with how settled the children are and the excellent progress that they are making.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YEAR TWO?



Year 2 are on a very exciting adventure to find out about 'Dragons and Mythical Beasts!' They have been reading stories about dragons and writing their own story about their own mythical beast as well as designing a comfortable home for it to live in.

In English the children will be looking at some wonderful dragon poetry and using their story voices to perform them to each other.

In maths the children will be consolidating their knowledge of addition and subtraction and developing their maths mastery approach.

As the term moves on they will begin to look at multiplication and finding out about repeated addition. They will also be working on doubles, halves and continuing their counting patterns of 2s, 5s and 10s.

There will also be a science week during December where the children will be investigating properties of materials and finding the best material for the job.

100% ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to all those children who gained 100% attendance for Term 1.

The class with the highest attendance last term was **Emerald 97.3%**

The overall attendance for the whole school in **95.1%**



Please may we remind you that dogs are not allowed on the school premises, this includes dogs in arms, in bags, and in buggies etc. Thank you.



CHRISTMAS AT WEST RISE



As an eco school please can we ask that children write one card addressed to the whole class, rather than to each individual child. This saves up to 900 cards, around 8000 across school (almost 3 trees). It will also save a few pennies! Thank you.

SAFEGUARDING

Absence = Lost Learning

100% Attendance	0 Weeks of learning missed	WELL DONE Best Chance of Success!!
95% Attendance	1 Week, 4 Days of learning missed	
90% Attendance	3 Weeks, 4 Days of learning missed	POOR ATTENDANCE I'm Worried!
85% Attendance	5 Weeks, 3 Days of learning missed	
80% Attendance	7 Weeks, 3 Days of learning missed	VERY POOR ATTENDANCE I'm Seriously Concerned!
75% Attendance	9 Weeks, 1 Day of learning missed	

In Spring 2023 the national total for children missing in education was 24,700!

As a school we have a duty of care to know where your children are if they are not in school. Please ensure you let us know on the first morning of absence so that we can record accurately.

Persistent absence requires us to take further action with outside agencies.

Our current whole school attendance figure is **94.8%**.

Please help us to improve this by being in school every day!

THANK YOU

We would like to say a big thank you to all of our families for supporting your children so well through their transition period into school last term. Thank you also for all your kind comments we have received via email and during parent consultations...we are proud of our partnership with you.

Please continue to ensure that your child is in school each day. Obviously occasionally children do become unwell, but unless your child is too poorly to be in school, please do send your child in. Thank you.

We wish you all a very happy holiday and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on 3rd January 2024.