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After School Clubs start Monday 14 January 2019

Happy New Year.



I am ready to learn!

It is so lovely to see all of your children back in school, rested and ready to learn.

This term our theme is 'making the right choices.' Please support us with this by talking to your children about what this means in terms of learning and behaviour.

Mrs Berry

Attendance

We set high standards for attendance and punctuality. Our target attendance is 97%.

Good attendance is strongly linked to pupil achievement.

*This is defined as the total number of minutes lateness of children within the class. Minutes of lateness = lost learning.

	Attendance		Punctuality*	
	17/12	7/1	17/12	7/1
Week commencing				
Bee	93.3%	95%	105	0
Butterfly	95%	95.3%	0	0
Ladybird	98.3%	96.6%	0	0
Hedgehog	97.3%	93.7%	10	81
Otter	97.3%	95.7%	0	45
Squirrel	94.3%	98.7%	0	0
Owl	91.7%	98.6%	0	0
Leopard	98.7%	97%	0	0
Lion	92.3%	95.3%	5	0
Tiger	92.7%	98.7%	0	0

Planning for Emergency Weather!

Fortunately during the past few years the schools have not needed to close due to bad weather, however, if the weather changes to snow and ice our emergency plan is as follows: - The Heads alone (based on the Site Managers report) make a decision to close the schools on Health and Safety factors and also based upon Borough guidance. The school website will be updated with a school open/closed notice on the front page. This will be followed by a school email. We aim to have this done by 7.45am.

If school has been closed, due to the weather, **after school has started** we will alert you by sending an email asking you to pick-up early. If you have not been receiving the school emails please update the school office immediately.

Whole School Attendance to date

96.8%

Lunch menu week beginning 14 January

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New for the Spring Term.....

'Be-There Bear' has been introduced to the children as our attendance bear. Every week, one class with the best attendance will win 'Be-There Bear' for a whole week. One child with 100% or the best attendance for that week in the winning class will be selected to take the bear home over the weekend. The children are very excited and are looking forward to winning the bear for their class and a chance to take the bear home. Please support your child's class and ensure your child is in school every day. We have also talked about arriving at school in good time before the doors open at 8.45 am.



In Reception....

The start of the spring term is always a fun one! The first week or so is full of lovely chat about the children's Christmas. We have already done some writing about our holiday and learnt some new sounds Sh and OO. The children have also been learning about the vowel sounds, we expect many will be singing the vowel songs! In maths we are recapping on recognising and ordering numbers.

'Love the ball' and drumming have started for us again, we were learning basketball skills this week in 'love the ball' and all the children had a lot of fun.

All children should have a reading book now, we aim to change these once a week and would be grateful if you would look at these daily with the children.

Please don't forget to read to the children as much as you can, it really will make a huge difference to their literacy skills.

Today is Ladybirds cake sale so they have been baking cookies to sell, it is an important part of the children's learning to see the whole cycle, they make, sell and then we will spend the money on resources for our classes together. Thank you so much for your help and donations to the cake sales the money we raise is such a boost to our resources.

Now that the children have all settled in we would love to see more parents coming in to help in class. Help with the library, cooking or playing a board game?

Thank you again for your continued support!

A very happy New Year to you all.

In Year 1....

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a wonderful, restful holiday. Your children have settled back into school life brilliantly and are excited about their new topic of the Antarctic. We are learning about the life of penguins so do talk to your child about this at home.

In maths we are using our knowledge of the bonds of 10 to help us calculate the bonds of 20. Look out for this month's maths challenge in your child's blue bag. This is an excellent way of supporting what is taught in class!

In Year 2....

Welcome back to school! Can we say a massive thank you for all the wonderful cards and gifts received by staff at Christmas! We have a lot to look forward to with Year 2 class assemblies beginning from next week, with Leopard Class on Wednesday 16th January. The classes are all looking forward to visiting the Tower of London this month, commencing with Tigers next Tuesday 15th January. Please remember that children will be wearing school uniform and must bring a warm coat and packed lunch. It is possible we may be slightly delayed on our return, but we do plan to back for 3:15 pick up as normal.

Otherwise, we are now learning division in maths and of course have started our castle topic. Please ensure your child reads at home every day and that you comment in the Reading record once your child has completed each book, or at least once a week.

News from our Educational Welfare Officer

- If your child is ill immediately before or after school holidays we require medical evidence. Without a doctors letter this will be unauthorised leave, and may be referred to the Educational Welfare Service.