



Newsletter

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Headline!

News!

Dear Parents/Carers,

We ended last week on a high raising so much money for Sebastian then this week started with a bang by everyone getting involved and rocking for TT Rock Stars week. TT Rock Stars is a programme used by children in Year 2-Year 6 to help with timestables and the engagement from all has been phenomenal this week. Well done everyone!

It was great to see so many of you at Parents Evening this week too. I hope it was a positive experience and that you all came away feeling very proud of your children but also with ideas of how to help them at home too. Please remember reading is key whatever their age to support language development for writing, maths (through understanding words in word problems) and all the other subjects.

This followed with discussions around what bullying is (S.T.O.P. – Several Times On Purpose and to finish the week off, Children in Need, Burpees for Pudsey Bear.

I think we all need a lie down after another busy but great week at school!

Have a good weekend,

Best wishes,

Mrs Bodman-Knight

STARS OF THE WEEK



- Iris Lily
- Demeter Ayat
- Apollo Noah
- Poseidon Ava
- Athena Aiden
- Ares Archie
- Zeus Dexter

All parents are welcome at all of our celebration assemblies, every Friday at 9am.



Miss Gilbert has returned to school this week as part of phased return. She is doing well but still needs to take it easy and we will be making sure she doesn't over do it over the next few weeks.

A huge thanks to Mrs Chana for stepping in and Mrs Hay and Mrs Greasely for their ongoing support in Year 1.

Mrs Mehta is still poorly and resting at home.



Please note boots are not permitted to wear for school. If it is wet, please send children in wellies or boots and put their school shoes in their bags to change into.

Boots are cumbersome in class and in assemblies when the children are moving around and sitting on the benches at lunch as well as the hall floor in assemblies.

Attendance Matters

Our attendance this week is 93.9% (national average)

We are having an increasing number of requests for term time holidays. Three families have already received penalty notice fines from the local authority. This money does not come to school; it goes directly to NNC. We have been in contact with the attendance team at NNC and at least one of our families is at risk of further action including a summons to court due to taking regular holidays in term time over last year and this year.

Whilst we appreciate holidays are expensive, a week off school can result in your child missing a whole unit in maths, reading and/or writing, a key science lesson, other key learning elements and school trips. Last year, some children missed key assessments including the national multiplication check. These records follow your child through school to secondary.

Attendance does matter. It is monitored closely and forms part of our regular safeguarding meetings which can escalate referrals through to other services including the Education Inclusion Officers for further investigations.

Please think about this when planning days out / holidays.

Thank you

ATTEND TO ACHIEVE

Attendance percentages as Number of Days and Lessons Missed from school

Attendance during one school year	Equals days absent in a year	Which is approximately weeks absent	Persistent absence of 5 years
95%	9.5 days	2 weeks	¼ year
90%	19 days	4 weeks	½ year
80%	38 days	8 weeks	1 year
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	1 ½ years
60%	76 days	15 weeks	2 years
50%	95 days	19 weeks	2 ½ years



Please keep up to date with all the events via [Hall Meadow PACT](#) on Facebook.

PACT Have been very busy preparing events for the rest of term.

Christmas Fayre – 1st December

This year they will be trialing a cashless system – more information to follow

Donations needed for the tombola stalls – teddies, chocolate, sweets and general tombola items can be brought into school from November 20th.

Christmas Disco

We will be holding our first Christmas Disco on Tuesday 19th December – more details to follow

Wreath Making – 4th December

This even has almost sold out since going live this week.



EYFS/KS1 Nativity A Midwife Crisis

Tickets will be sent home at the end of November but will follow the format of previous years:
1 ticket per child for each performance with spare tickets being returned and offered out on a first come first serve basis.

Grandparents afternoon – 2 tickets per family eg: siblings in EYFS/Y2 will get 2 tickets or if you only have 1 child in EYFS/KS1 they will get 2 tickets.



Phonics @ Hall Meadow.

9:00-10:15am

Come to our parents meeting to find out how we teach your child to read at Hall Meadow using Read Write Inc. phonics.

You have the unique opportunity to watch your child in their phonics group and then speak to Miss Pyper (Read Write Inc Lead) regarding how you can help your child at home.

22nd November 2023 - Demeter Class

29th November 2023 - Apollo Class

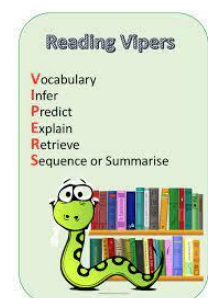
Reading Open Morning

You are invited to come along and join our key stage 2 (year 3, 4, 5 and 6) whole-class reading lessons on **Thursday 23rd November**. The lessons will begin at **9:05am** and once the lesson has finished, you are welcome to come into the hall to find out more about how you can support your child/ren with their reading and comprehension skills at home.

If your child is still following RWI then Miss Pyper will arrange a different session.
Please enter school through the main reception.

We look forward to seeing lots of you in school on this day.

Miss Letts



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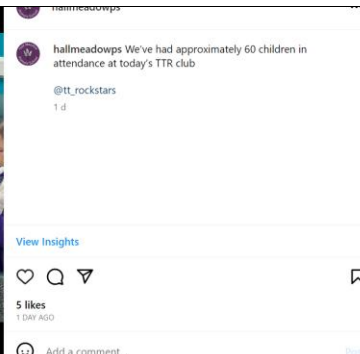
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DATES FOR DIARY!

November

RWI Parent sessions 9am Demeter 22nd / Apollo 29th

KS2 Reading morning 20th November

School Photos 22nd November

Reading open morning – Thursday 23rd November (KS2)

December

Christmas Fayre Friday 1st December

Wreath making Monday 4th December

Nativity

Dates: Tuesday 12th Grandparents afternoon

Wednesday 13th 9:30 and 2pm.

School disco – Tuesday 19th December

Dolce Christmas Lunch Tuesday 19th December

Christmas in the play ground – Wednesday 20th December
2:30pm (Children collected from 3pm)

CLASS ASSEMBLIES:

Ares – 28th November

All class assemblies begin at 2:45pm.

