

29th November 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Aspirations Day

### Aspirations Day

On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December we will be having our annual Aspirations Day. The aim of this day is to raise our pupils' aspirations and encourage them to aim as high as possible. Pupils will have the opportunity to listen to and question a range of people who have chosen different career paths. This will give them an idea of what careers they could choose in the future and what skills each career requires. We will be visited by a range of people including the Mayor, a dentist, neonatal nurse, writer, photographer and a Computer Programmer to name a few.

### Enterprise Week/Dragon's Den

Following on from Aspirations Day we will be having a whole school Enterprise Week. The aim of this week will be to develop our pupils' knowledge, skills and understanding of different types of jobs, how money is spent in designing and making products and primarily how they can contribute to a range of activities that help them to become more enterprising. In preparation for the week, each class is allocated a budget of £20 with a remit of designing, advertising and making a product that can be marketed for sale to members of the school community. Each class is challenged to make a profit on their original £20 budget.

Enterprise Week



### Dragon's Den Assembly

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December we will have a whole school Dragon's Den assembly where pupils from each year group will have the opportunity to pitch their business idea to 5 'Dragons' who will be choosing an overall winner.



### How you can help their child

Parents are all welcome and invited to help their child make products to sell in our Christmas Fair. Each year group has an allocated session:

Year 3: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2:15-3:15

Year 4: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 11:30-12:30

Year 5: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2:00-2:45

Year 6: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 12:00-1:00

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing you and getting involved in your child's learning.

### Times Tables Rock Stars

From the 2019/20 academic year onwards (this academic year), all schools in England will be required to administer an online multiplication tables check (MTC) to year 4 pupils.



The [national curriculum](#) specifies that pupils should be taught to recall the multiplication tables up to and including  $12 \times 12$  by the end of year 4.

The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will help schools to identify pupils who have not yet mastered their times tables, so that additional support can be provided.

P.T.O

We have bought a subscription to TTRS (Times Tables Rock Stars) which is a carefully sequenced online programme for children to practise their times tables and division facts. As well as other exciting features, it has a very similar platform (Sound check) as the MTC for children, teachers and parents to check the children's progress.

Times tables knowledge is also key for children in years 5 and 6 to access the Maths curriculum as well as their SATs.

Please encourage your child to access TTRS regularly – daily if possible!

### Walk to School Celebrations

Well done to all the children who were awarded with their November Travel Tracker badge! Here's an update on our statistics!

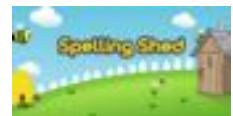
Year 3: 53 badges awarded  
Year 4: All of class 4! 45 children in total  
Year 5: 84 badges awarded. All of class 9!  
Year 6: All of class 10!

Year 3: 92% journeys were active  
Year 4: 95% journeys were active  
Year 5: 88% journeys were active  
Year 6: 98% journeys were active

School total: 93% journeys active  
62% children walked to school  
1% cycled to school  
30% park and strode to school



Remember in January we are raising the challenge by setting your target to at least 2 active journeys per week.



### Spelling Shed Winners

Congratulations to our top speller Leah Nuri (Class 4) with 28,950,650 total points for her correct spellings.

Place	Winners	Total points awarded for correct spellings
1st	Class 4	56,495,172
2nd	Class 7	36,435,334
3rd	Class 8	21,076,612

### ATTENDANCE

Attendance was amazing last week. All classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 11 for achieving over 96%.



### DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

- \* Monday 2nd December - No Whole School Assembly/Aspirations Day/Enterprise Week
- \* Wednesday 4th December - 9am Whole School Assembly - The Youth Mayor
- \* Friday 6th December - Dragon's Den Assembly (9am All Parents Welcome)