



THURSDAY FLYER

Thursday 12th February

Headteacher's Message

It has been a very busy and happy half term. I am delighted that our focus on developing reading enjoyment and progress is already making an impact. Please read the other articles in the newsletter for more information.

Please, please keep encouraging your children to read at home daily. It really does make a difference.

Wishing you all a restful half term.

Ms Karen Khwaja



Inset Day—Friday 13th February

During our inset day, staff will be focusing on developing reading. It is one of the two priority areas that we are working on to get to 'outstanding'. As well as having high quality training on reading, we will also be focusing on improving our class reading libraries to encourage and widen our pupils' enjoyment of reading. We had identified in our recent learning walk with governors, that improvements were needed. I hope all our pupils notice the difference in their class libraries after half term.



*School closed for half term from
16th-20th February*

School re opens Monday 23rd February

Diary Dates

Monday 23rd February:

- ♦ Year 3 & 4 Boxercise Club (3.30pm-4.30pm)

Tuesday 24th February:

- ♦ Year 5 & 6 Running Club (8am-8.45am)
- ♦ Year 3 & 4 Arts and Crafts Club (3.30pm-4.30pm)
- ♦ Year 5 & 6 Girls' Football (3.30pm-4.30pm)
- ♦ Year 1 & 2 Multi-Sports Club (3.30pm-4.30pm)

Wednesday 25th February:

- ♦ Piano lessons with Odele Prince
- ♦ Year 5 & 6 Boys football (3.30pm-4.30pm)
- ♦ Year 6 Reading Book Club (3.30pm-4.30pm)
- ♦ Year 1 & 2 Arts and Crafts Club (3.30pm-4.30pm)

Thursday 26th February:

- ♦ Year 1 & 2 Garfield Tumblers (8am-8.45pm)
- ♦ Piano lessons with Jenny Carr
- ♦ Lunchtime : Choir
- ♦ Year 3 & 4 Boys Football (3.30-4.30pm)
- ♦ Steel Pans Club (3.30pm-4.30pm)
- ♦ Year 6 Study Club (3.30pm-4.30pm)

Friday 27th February:

- ♦ Helping Hands meeting in the Clubs room (9am)
- ♦ Assembly - Cup Winners (2.40pm)

Future Diary Dates

W/C Monday 2nd March

- ♦ Book Week

Tuesday 3rd March

- ♦ Helping Hands year 1 social event in the hall (3.15pm)

Thursday 5th March

- ♦ World Book Day

Tuesday 10th March

- ♦ Helping Hands year 2 social event in the hall (3.15pm)

Friday 13th March

- ♦ Comic Relief Day

Thursday 19th March and Thursday 16th July

- ♦ Parents Evening (3.30pm- 7.30pm)

Wednesday 25th March

- ♦ School Photographer in all day
- ♦ Dance festival dress rehearsal at Millfield Theatre (11.20am-12.30pm)

Thursday 26th March

- ♦ Dance festival performance at Millfield Theatre (1.15pm-2.30pm)

W/C Monday 15th June

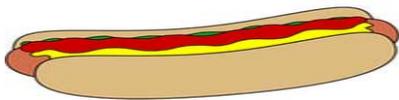
- ♦ Sports Week

Friday 3rd July

- ♦ Summer Fair

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

A big thank you to our fantastic Helping Hands group who organised a 'sausage sizzle' after school today.



New Build Update

Our first modular units will now be arriving on our first day back after half term. Currently, our new school hall and lift shaft are also being constructed.



Visiting Child Author at Garfield This Week

Yesterday, we were delighted to welcome the author, Harrison Sansostri, to our school. Harrison has performed previous acting roles and has also published a book about school life and he is only thirteen years old. He delivered an assembly about how he got into writing and acted out some scenes from his books. The children found this very entertaining and they also enjoyed purchasing a signed copy of his book for £5.00. If you would like a copy of his book, we have a limited amount available in the school office.



Punctuality

Please remember we will be monitoring punctuality after half term. Please can all parents also ensure your children are collected promptly at the end of the school day. Where children are regularly late or not collected punctually, the school will be referring to the Educational Welfare Service.



SPELLATHON RETURNS TO GARFIELD

On Wednesday, years 2-6 participated in our termly spelling competition: 'The Spellathon'. Pupils were asked to spell all the words from their year group's word list. Prizes will be given to pupils who make lots of effort with their spelling.



ATTENDANCE

Week Commencing 2nd February 2015

RP	=	90.87%
RS	=	83.68%
RW	=	81.82%
1C	=	95.52%
1F	=	89.57%
1M	=	82.59%
2G	=	94.05%
2SR	=	95.27%
3G	=	92.67%
3W	=	88.33%
4J	=	93.57%
4W	=	94.93%
5A	=	89.62%
5CN	=	94.44%
6C	=	96.00%
6F	=	93.67%



Congratulations to 1C and 6C

TOTAL = 91.21%

National expected standard is 95%

This is well below the national standard. Please ensure your child attends school regularly. Everyday really does count.