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Newsletter 2

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter; curriculum and clubs information is attached too. We've had another lovely week in school with the children particularly impressing me with how beautifully they speak to each other, staff and visitors. Fabulous manners!

Actual Published Authors!

Wow, wow, wow! Back in July, some of the children from Laver Class were so proud of the adventure stories they had written that they decided to type them up and enter a competition to be part of an anthology of writing by children throughout the country. We are thrilled to let you know that, from the entries we sent, 22 were chosen for publication and will be published in a book of Magic Door Stories which should be available to buy soon. More information has already gone to the parents and carers of our young writers – if anyone else would like a copy just let us know. Fabulous work boys and girls!

Aspirations

Many thanks to those of you who sent in photos of the children's achievements over the weekend. We already have a selection of photographs showing the children's successes in local shows and activities and we are compiling them into a 'Wall of Fame' – it's just by the school office if you wanted to pop in and have a look. Any achievements outside of school (sports, music, scouting etc.) we'd love to see – just email them in! We'd also like to compile a display of any aspirations the children might have for the future so you might like to chat about that at home in preparation for this.

Staying safe online

As part of our safeguarding work this week we have been talking to some of the children about staying safe online. I'm very pleased to say that the children we spoke to had a good understanding of how to keep themselves safe including not sharing personal information and telling a trusted adult if they are concerned about something they have seen. A really helpful website for parents and children to find out more about this is www.thinkuknow.co.uk – do have a look and we are hoping to arrange some in person advice for parents and carers soon. As always, if you have any concerns around safeguarding for your child or another, please do get in touch with me or Mrs Lang directly.

Have a super weekend.

Mrs Lawson-Ross,
Head teacher



Our Young Writers

Dates for your diary

(These are by no means exhaustive but indicate some of the key dates throughout the year, there will be a weekly reminder on the newsletter too for upcoming visits/events etc)

Blue text indicates occasions where parents and carers are warmly welcomed to attend.

Saturday	30.09.23	All	Bishop Blaize Parade. Meet 1.30pm at Maple Creek
Sunday	01.10.23	All	Bishop Blaize Parade. Meet 1.30pm at Maple Creek
Friday	06.10.23	All	Harvest Festival 9am @ St Mary's Church
Friday	20.10.23	All	Showcase afternoon 2.30pm onwards
Wednesday	25.10.23	All	Skip 2B Fit day
Thursday	26.10.23	All	Firework Disco (after school) KS1 3.30-4.30pm. KS2 4.45-5.45pm
Friday	27.10.23	All	Colour Run
Friday	27.10.23	All	School closes for half term @ 3.30pm
Monday	06.11.23	All	Children return to school
Friday	10.11.23	Laver	Celebration Assembly
Monday	13.11.23	All	Parents Evening
Thursday	16.11.23	All	Parents Evening
Friday	17.11.23	All	Children in Need Day
Friday	24.11.23	Cover	Celebration Assembly
Thursday	30.11.23	All	Pantomime
Friday	01.12.23	Burn	Celebration Assembly
Thursday	07.12.23	All	Christmas Crafts and Dinner Day



TBC	TBC	KS1	Nativity 6pm in the Town Hall
Friday	22.12.23	All	Christmas Service 1.15pm @ St Mary's Church
Friday	22.12.23	All	School close for Christmas @ 2pm
Monday	08.01.24	Staff	Training Day
Tuesday	09.01.24	All	Children return to school
Friday	01.02.24	All	Skip 2B Fit Day
Wednesday	TBC	All	Musical Extravaganza
Friday	09.02.24	All	School Closes for half term @ 3.30pm
Monday	19.02.24	All	Children return to school
Thursday	22.02.24	All	World Thinking Day – Children in Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Squirrels, Beavers and Scouts are welcome to wear to their uniforms to school.
Monday	26.02.24	All	Parents Evening
Thursday	29.02.24	All	Parents Evening
Thursday	07.03.24	All	World Book Day
Friday	22.03.24	All	Easter Service 1.15pm @ St Mary's Church
Friday	22.03.24	All	School closes for Easter @ 2pm
Monday	08.04.24	Staff	Training Day
Tuesday	09.04.24	All	Children return to school
Monday	06.05.24	All	School closed for May Day
Wednesday	08.05.24	All	Skip 2B Fit Day
Tuesday	21.05.24	All	Sports Day Afternoon (Weather Dependent)
Thursday	23.05.24	All	Alternative Sports Morning
Friday	24.05.24	All	School closes for Half Term @ 3.30pm
Monday	04.06.24	Staff	Training Day
Tuesday	05.06.24	All	Children return to school
Wednesday	11.07.24	KS2	Summer Performance
Thursday	12.07.24	Ks2	Summer Performance
Thursday	18.07.24	Year 6	Leavers celebration
Friday	19.07.24	All	Leavers Service 1.15pm @ St Mary's Church
Friday	19.07.24	All	School closes for summer @ 2pm

Other trips, visits and exciting activities will be added as the year goes on.



Attendance

Swinney – 93.57%

Laver - 92.27%

Burn – 96.47%

Cover – 94.00%

Attendance Percentage	Days missed over a school year
100%	0 days
95%	10 days
90%	20 days
85%	30 days
80%	40 days

Superstars of the Week

- Swinney – **Martha M** for working really hard on her hand writing this week
Oliver for being super ready to learn in phonics
- Laver – **William E** for great tam work in geography this week
Flo for always trying your best and being ready to learn
- Burn **Rory J** for confident speaking to visitors
- Cover – **Ellie B** for fantastic extra effort in all areas and especially super history work
- Lunchtime - **Lyla** for being helpful at lunchtime
Leela for being a super help tidying the toys up