



SCHOOL NEWS

Happy New Year | Christmas Jumpers | Translators Needed

Welcome to the Spring Term

We are already two weeks into the Spring Term! The children have made a fantastic start, becoming fully engaged with their new topics and stepping up to challenges presented to them in English and Maths. Year 4 launched their new Geography topic with an exciting immersion day - see opposite. The new homework sheets and year group newsletters have been sent home and are available for you to view on the class pages on the school website.

School-led Tutoring

Following on from the success of last year, the government have continued to partially fund school-led tutoring to enable children to catch up after the disruption caused by the pandemic. It is a reduced contribution of 60% and school will have to fund 40% of the costs, but we feel it is an initiative worth investing in. The tutoring will be delivered by our teachers and teaching assistants and will take place either during the school day or before/after school. We have identified children who may need an extra boost to meet their age related expectations or to exceed them. If we have asked your child to attend outside of the school day, you will have received a letter this week. We ask that parents and carers support us in making sure your child attends each session.

Year 4 Jet Off to France!



Year 4 have started a brand new topic focussing on France and what better way to launch this than to embark on a flight across the English Channel? The classroom was transformed into an aeroplane. The boarding cards were collected by air steward Miss Laurie, and on arrival, the children were greeted by Monsieur Pierre Cope who made the arrival announcements in French. It looks like a great time was had by all!



Teachers' Strike Action

You may well have heard in the media that one of the teachers' unions have voted for strike action. Headteachers are waiting for further advice regarding this and we will let you know when we can how your child's class may be affected.





PTA News and Information



Christmas Jumper Donation: some parents have asked us if there is something we can do with Christmas jumpers which the children have outgrown. The PTA have organised a donation box in the school entrance - please see the poster opposite for further information.



Bingo Night: the final details of this family event, taking place on Friday 17th March, have yet to be confirmed. There will be food, games and definitely bingo and we will let you know the details nearer the time.



'Wear what you love day': this will take place on Tuesday 14th February. In exchange for £1, the children will be able to come to school wearing whatever they love. This could be jeans and a hoody or a dressing up outfit - the choice is theirs! ❤️

Year 2 at The Cliff Training Ground

A group of our Year 2 children went with Miss Pennill to the training ground of Manchester United to take part in a football tournament. They thoroughly enjoyed this special experience.



Translators Needed!

Do you speak fluently in English and another language?

Are you happy to share your knowledge of our school and the local community with other families?



We are beginning to recruit volunteer translators from our own school community who would be happy to come into school and work with our staff team. Some of the activities you would be participating in would be: attending meetings, tours round school and translating letters.

If you would like further information about this role, or are able to offer your services, please can you email Miss Wilson:

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Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff

