

Dear Parents and Carers,

Website Updates – what has been uploaded this week?

All Friday letters and updates (not linked to specific areas: Safeguarding, Online Safety etc.), will be published in either: **Parents – Friday Letters – Spring Term 2 2024 OR Parents – Letters and Flyers**

Friday Letter 1st March 2024

<https://www.thedriveprimary.co.uk/friday-letters/>

Year 5 Trip

Year 5 had a great trip to the Victoria Tunnels this week, enjoying an excursion down the tunnels and then time in the classroom with a WW2 expert. Mrs Graham was very impressed with all the children’s knowledge and the questions they answered with confidence – very well done. They also managed a lot of walking, and I am sure were all very tired when they got home. Hopefully, they could tell you what they learnt and perhaps there are few who want to return with their families. Well done Year 5!

Mental Health Champions Conference

Four Year 5 children attending this event this week and had a great day looking at how to help our bodies and minds stay healthy. They were a credit to our school; Mrs Graham was so proud of how they contributed to discussions and offered their wealth of knowledge! They are now looking forward to implementing some of the ideas they got from the Conference in school! A proud day for The Drive!

Attendance – The League and attendance update

0 points if attendance is below 96%

1 point awarded for weekly attendance figures between 96% - 97.5%

2 points awarded for weekly attendance figures between 97.6% - 98.9%

3 points awarded for weekly attendance figures between 99% - 100%

No points this week. We shall say no more and just hope for better percentages next week.

As always, if you need to speak to school about your child’s attendance and punctuality, please don’t hesitate to contact us: we are happy to help!

Teams	Total Points	Overall Weekly Attendance
Nursery	2	90.36% +
Reception	0	95.88% +
Year 1	2	94.29% +
Year 2	2	90.87% -
Year 3	10	94.4% -
Year 4	0	86.4% +
Year 5	0	88.5% -
Year 6	1	86.54% -

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs R Farren
Head Teacher



Dates for the Diary – dates will be added to and possibly changes made. Keep an eye on our website calendar also. Just a reminder, a 'C' will feature next to an event that requires parent/carer consent. PLEASE NOTE, CONSENT IS NOW GIVEN ON PARENT PAY www.parentpay.com. All letters can be found in Letters and Flyer on our school website.

<https://www.thedriveprimary.co.uk/letter-and-flyers/>

Highlighted items have been added this week.

Spring Term 2 2024 – 5 week half term	
Monday 4 th March	Year 5 Stormbreak Parent/Carer Event – all welcome. 9am in the hall.
	Sustrans – Active Travel Assembly
Wednesday 6th March	Year 3 Trip – Arbeia Roman Fort C Letter issued 23.01.24. This trip has been cancelled by the venue, but has been rescheduled - 17.04.24
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day Letter issued 15.02.24
Friday 8 th March	Year 6 STEM Workshop NUFC C Rescheduled
Monday 11 th March – 22 nd March	Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel Challenge (2 weeks) Letter will be issued 4.3.24.
Monday 11 th March	Active Travel Breakfast with Sustrans 8:30 – 9:00am in the hall – parents/carers and children welcome. See below and flyer sent out 29.02.24
	Year 6 Stormbreak Parent/Carer Event – all welcome. 9am in the hall.
Tuesday 12 th March	Dr Bike See below and flyer sent out 29.02.24
	Reception Event – Mothers and Others Further details to follow.
Wednesday 13 th March	Year 1 Parents/Carers Phonics Meeting 9 – 9:30am in the hall Further details will follow
	Proposed Nursery Trip C Further details to follow.
Thursday 14 th March	Year 4 Quicksticks Hockey C Selection of children will be attending this event and will receive letters.
Friday 15 th March	Comic Relief/Red Nose Day Further details to follow.
Tuesday 19 th March	Dance Festival C Further details to follow.
	Attendance Party C Further details to follow.
Friday 22 nd March	Big Walk and Wheel Celebration Assembly - Sustrans
Monday 25 th March	Spud Decorating – Parents/carers welcome (PM) Further details to follow.
Tuesday 26 th March	Whole School Competition (in school) – Active Future Further details to follow.



Wednesday 27 th March	Reception Trip – Hancock Museum C Further details to follow.
Thursday 28 th March	Early Years Sport Festival C Further details to follow.
	Easter Raffle Further details to follow.
	Break up for Easter
Friday 29 th March	Bank Holiday – Good Friday
Monday 15 th April	Return to school after Easter – Summer 1 6 week half term

FREE DR BIKE SESSION!

THE DRIVE WITH SUSTRANS

Tuesday 12th March at Drop Off

ACTIVE TRAVEL BREAKFAST AT THE DRIVE WITH SUSTRANS

Monday 11th March 8:30-9am



A free breakfast provided for families who travel to school actively!

Walk, Wheel, Scoot, Cycle!

^ If this isn't possible,
Park and Stride!

If you can't make it but want to chat, email lou.millington@sustrans.org.uk



For Kids, guardians, and family bikes. Drop off at the start of the school day, and they'll be ready to collect at pick-up.



The bike will get a full safety check and small adjustments where necessary. We will pump tyres, adjust gears, seats and check brakes and headsets. We don't replace or install new parts but if it's needed, we'll advise you on local bike shops and the possible cost.

Questions? I'm happy to help! Email: lou.millington@sustrans.org.uk

