

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 1 2024 OR Parents – Letters and Flyers**

Friday Letter 16th February 2024

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

Netball Festival

Mrs Cuthbertson was accompanied by our PE governor, Miss Allan, at a Netball event this week. They had a fabulous day, practicing their netball skills in the morning and then playing three matches in the afternoon. Miss Allan commented on the behaviour of our children throughout the whole day and how proud she was of them!!!

Intra-Sport Competition

On Tuesday, Active Future came into school to run a whole school Bench Ball Intra-School Competition. The children had a great day, and the winners and trophy were presented today in our weekly shine assembly (see below). Our next whole school competition is planned for Tuesday 26th March, if your child has a sport in mind they would like to take part in, please encourage them to tell Mrs C! Well done everyone!

House Team	Points	Position
Angel of the North	9	1 st (Gold)
Millennium Bridge		
Baltic	6	2 nd (Silver)
Sage		





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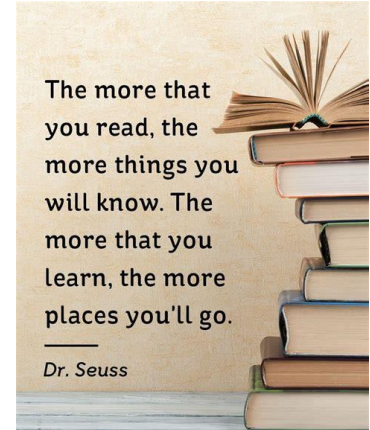
Book Event

Thank you so much everyone who came along to this event, we manage to raise £194.82 of rewards for school!

It was a joy to see the children's faces when they saw the selection and thoroughly enjoyed looking through what was on offer.

As always, the Librarians were amazing when helping the children choose books and stationery, with some very helpful suggestions and recommendations being given.

We will have more of these events in the Summer, so keep checking dates for the diary.



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%

Well done Year 3, you got more point this week, and you are still in the lead, now with 10 points. It might be a hard task for other classes to catch up, but never say never, so let's all try after half term to be in as much as possible and on time.

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	87.12% +
Reception	0	88.2% -
Year 1	2	90.71% =
Year 2	2	95.22% +
Year 3	10	98.4% +
Year 4	0	86.82% -
Year 5	0	92% +
Year 6	1	95% +

Have a great half term, stay safe and we will see Monday 26th February.

Yours sincerely,

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Artsmark
Gold Award
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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/>

Spring Term 2024 – 5 week half term	
Monday 26 th February	Return to school after Half Term Spring 2 - 5 week half term
Tuesday 27 th February	Year 5 Trip – Victoria Tunnels C Letter issued 12.02.24.
Thursday 29 th February	KS1 Multi-sports (Year 1) C Letter issued 15.02.24
Friday 1 st March	Girls Football (Year 4 and 5) – a selection of children will receive letters C On the waiting list, but no places available at present.
Monday 4 th March	Year 5 Stormbreak Parent/Carer Event – all welcome. 9am in the hall.
Wednesday 6 th March	Sustrans – Active Travel Assembly Year 3 Trip – Arbeia Roman Fort C Letter issued 23.01.24.
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) Further details to follow.
Monday 11 th March	Active Travel Breakfast with Sustrans 8:30 – 9:00am in the hall – parents/carers and children welcome. Further details to follow.
Tuesday 12 th March	Year 6 Stormbreak Parent/Carer Event – all welcome. 9am in the hall.
Tuesday 12 th March	Dr Bike Further details to follow.
Wednesday 13 th March	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
Thursday 14 th March	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.
Friday 22 nd March	Big Walk and Wheel Celebration Assembly - Sustrans
Tuesday 26 th March	Whole School Competition (in school) – Active Future Further details to follow.
Thursday 28 th March	Early Years Sport Festival C Further details to follow.
Friday 29 th March	Break up for Easter Bank Holiday – Good Friday
Monday 15 th April	Return to school after Easter – Summer 1 6 week half term

