

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 12th January 2024

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

Happy New Year

Happy New Year everyone. We all hope you had a great Christmas and are looking forward to 2024 and all the great things it will bring.

The children have come back ready to learn and are already getting stuck into the new topics they are studying this half term (Parent/Carer Booklets will be issued next week). I know that our children will continue to work hard and give their best, and with the support, encouragement, and challenge from the staff at The Drive and of course yourselves, our children will achieve great things this term. Bring on 2024!

Primary Panathlon Competition

Some of our children attended a sporting event this week and had a wonderful time. They not only had a ball, but also managed to claim the runners up trophy, coming second out of all the schools that took part. Well done everyone and thank you for being such amazing Drive ambassadors. Thank you also Ms Brand and Mrs C for taking them – it sounds like you had a great time too!

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%

Not off to the best of starts; however, I do believe it can only get better! Well done Year 3 for getting 1 point this week, you are certainly in it to win it!

Teams	Total Points	Overall Weekly Attendance
Nursery	0	88.61%
Reception	0	71.11%
Year 1	0	90.71%
Year 2	0	90.87%
Year 3	1	97.20%
Year 4	0	88.85%
Year 5	0	87.50%
Year 6	0	89.23%

Have a super weekend and we will see you all next week.

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/>

Spring Term 2023 – 6 week half term	
Monday 15 th January	World Religion Day Assembly
Tuesday 16 th January	Writing Workshop – a selection of Year 5 and 6 children C Separate letter issued 6th November 2023
Tuesday 23 rd January	Provisional Year 1 Trip to Bill Quay Farm C Further details to follow.
Wednesday 17 th January	Bike 4 Life - Year 5 and 6 C Separate letter issued week beginning 08.01.24
Wednesday 24 th January	Year 6 Trip – Great North Museum C Further details to follow.
Thursday 26 th January	Phil Earle – Virtual Author Visit - KS2
Tuesday 30 th January	Year 3 and 4 Basketball Competition – a selection of children will receive letters C . Further details to follow.
Wednesday 7 th February	Parent/Carer Coffee Morning 9 – 10am in the hall
	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 8 th – Thursday 15 th	Book Event Days and times of events to be confirmed nearer the time: this is not a week-long event but must coincide with the delivery of books.
Week beginning Monday 12 th February	Children's Mental Health Week
Friday 16 th February	Break up for Half Term
Monday 26 th February	Return to school after Half Term

