

## Happy Friday!

Welcome back. I hope you all enjoyed the **Christmas Break**. The children have settled in well this week - despite the **frosty weather**. **Mrs Thompson** captured this **beautiful sunrise** earlier in the week and it is nice to know that the days are (slowly) getting **longer** and **brighter**. I particularly enjoy the **Spring Term** - children in my experience often make particularly **pleasing progress** at this time of year. For now, I hope you all enjoy the weekend. Mr Routledge



## Book of the Week

This year, I have read a story in **assembly** each week. One of our pupils asked if she could **choose** a **book** from home for me to read which I thought was an excellent idea. Next week I will be reading '**Time for School . . . No Worries**' on behalf of **Evie** who suggested it. If any other children have stories that they'd like to share, they are very welcome to bring them in for me to read. The only condition is that the story must **relate to** or promote one of our **core values** and the person nominating the book needs to be able to **explain why** they have chosen the book. Thanks for your **excellent suggestion**, Evie!



## Year Six CAD2CODE Workshop

This week, our **Year Six** pupils learned all about **Computer Aided Design** with **Mr Nelson** from **CAD2CODE**. The children explored **coding**, discovered how a **3D printer** works and designed their own keyrings using **Tinkercad**. They also tackled a **complex program** that challenged them to make a **Mars rover** capable of delivering **water** and **oxygen** to a Mars base - showcasing fantastic **problem-solving**, **creativity** and **teamwork**. We have also been able to use the **3D printer** to print their keyring designs which the children will be able to take home with them. One child summed up the day perfectly: "It was my favourite day of Year Six so far!" A huge thank you to **Mr Nelson** and **CAD2CODE** for such an **engaging** and **memorable** day of **learning**.



## After School Clubs

A reminder that we will be running an after school club for **Reception** and **Year One** this half-term. Starting next Thursday (15th), we will be running a **Storytelling Yoga Club** after school every **Thursday** from **15:15 – 16:15** for the next **five weeks**. If you would like your child to take part, please **contact** the **school office** to sign up as we still have a limited number of places available. Similarly, we also have a **Multi Sport Club** starting on **Monday** for five weeks.

This club is aimed at **Year Three** and **Year Four** children. Each week, children will have the chance to try a **new** and, **potentially**, unfamiliar **sport**. The club runs from **15:15 - 16:15** and there are still a limited number of spaces available. Contact the **school office** to sign up. Please note, a **known adult** must collect children who attend all after school clubs.



## Smoking and Vaping

A **reminder** that **smoking**, **vaping** and the use of **e-cigarettes** are strictly **prohibited** on school grounds. This



policy is in place to help ensure a **positive environment** for our **pupils, staff** and **visitors**. We would also **kindly ask** for your **cooperation** in being considerate around the **school perimeter**. While areas outside the school gates are not under the **school's authority**, we **respectfully request** that adults avoid smoking immediately outside the gates, particularly at the start and end of the school day when children are arriving and leaving. Your **courtesy** and **support** is greatly appreciated.

## Lucky Tray Day

This coming **Thursday** (15th), we will have our termly '**Lucky Tray Day**'. Every child who has a **school dinner** that day will have the opportunity to win a **special prize**! On the menu for Thursday will be **chicken/veggie goujons** or a **pizza wrap** with **chips** and a **doughnut**. A choice of sandwiches (chicken, cheese or ham) will also be available. Good luck!

## Uniform Reminders

A reminder that our school uniform for PE is a **royal blue jumper** or **hooded top**. I have noted an increase in children wearing either black or navy blue which is **not part of our uniform**. Many children opt to wear their normal blue school jumper for PE which is absolutely fine - a **hooded top** is helpful for the **colder months** but **not essential**. Children are also welcome to wear an **inexpensive watch** to school. **Smart watches** with the capacity to go **online**, send **messages**, take **photographs** etc are **not permitted** for **safeguarding reasons**. Expensive watches also come with a risk of being damaged which the school cannot take responsibility for. Finally, alongside all other schools in our partnership, **earrings** are **prohibited** for **health and safety** reasons. For those of you who opt to get your child's **ears pierced**, we politely ask that this is done at the start of the school summer holiday.

## TTRS Battle of the Bands

Battle of the Bands is back! Our **Times Tables Rock Stars** competition is in full swing and runs until next Friday (16th of January). Students can help their class climb the **leaderboard** by playing on the **TTRS app** and answering as many times tables questions as they can. We recommend children play on **Garage mode** for speedy improvement of number facts. Keep rocking those times tables over the weekend and bring the victory home! The **top three scorers** in each class will also receive a **fantastic prize** for their hard work.



## Attendance

Very well done to Year Five who recorded the **highest overall attendance** for this week with **99.13%**. It was brilliant to see **five of our classes** hit our **overall attendance target** of **96%**. Next week, we will be sending home an overview of your child's attendance for so far this **academic year**. As you know, **strong attendance** is vital to your child's **academic** and **pastoral** progress. Help us to ensure that your child is **in school, on time, every day**!



**Reception** -96.25%   **Year One** - 94.39%   **Year Two** - 97.39%   **Year Three** - 94.40%  
**Year Four** - 98.75%   **Year Five** - 99.13%   **Year Six** - 97.18%



## On the Menu Next Week . . .

Week Two	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main Course	Chicken Noodles  Tuna/Cheese* Wrap  Sandwich (Choice of Fillings)	Gammon/Veggie Roast  Fish Fingers  Jacket Potato (Choice of Fillings)	Chicken Fajitas  Cheese* and Broccoli Pasta  Sandwich (Choice of Fillings)	Beef/Veggie Roast and Yorkshire Pudding  Tuna/Cheese* Melt  Jacket Potato (Choice of Fillings)	Chicken Goujons/Veggie Nuggets  Pizza Wrap  Sandwich (Choice of Fillings)
Potatoes/Pasta/ Rice	Sweetcorn	Roast Potatoes	Fluffy Rice Crusty Bread	Roast Potatoes	Chips
Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables
Salad Bar	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad
Desserts	Creamy Rice Pudding (With a choice of Fruit)	Homemade Shortbread	Strawberry Mousse	Iced Vanilla Sponge	School Pudding of the Day (With a choice of Fruit)