

Signpost

Dear Parents and Carers

They came from Outer Space! Really! Last week children were very excited junior astronomers as they studied meteorites and lunar samples, which were on loan from NASA and the Science and Technology Facilities Council. The lunar samples were collected during the late 1960s and early 1970s during some of NASA's first manned space missions to the Moon. One of the meteorites was 4.3 billion years old! Although children across the school took part in the lessons, for Year One it was the start of an Out of This World topic. On the first day back (Tuesday 20th) they will be learning more about the stars and our Solar System when the Planetarium visits our school.

Not from Outer Space, but the Enormous Turnip caused almost as much excitement this week, as Year One gave their performances of the story. All the children performed brilliantly and enjoyed taking to the stage.

Breakfast Club

From Tuesday 20th February, Breakfast Club will be held in our school hall. The club will run from 8:00 – 8:45am, when children will be taken to their classes. The cost is £1 per child per session, which includes a light breakfast (toast or cereals and a drink). Children should arrive via the hall/playground doors. There is no need to pre-book for this club.

School Lunches

Parents often comment that their child can't remember what they have eaten for lunch, or that they have the same things every day (which often means they can't remember what they had!). We are preparing to change the way school lunches are ordered, which will help you to keep track of what they are having when. Chartwells (the company that provides our lunches and manages the kitchen) will provide a new online system for ordering lunches. The 'Meal Selector website' is simple to use and is accessible from any computer, tablet or smartphone.

Please visit nel.mealselector.co.uk to have a look at the site. You will also see a useful 'how to guide' which demonstrates the process of registering and ordering meals. The new system allows parents to order the exact meals they want their children to eat. If you do need support, Chartwells offer their own customer service telephone number alongside a dedicated technical support line and online chat. Menus are available to view online and ordering takes just a minute or two. Special days, school term dates and teacher training days are all matched to the website making ordering for a day, a week or an entire term quick and easy for parents. The biggest change will be that **meals will need to be ordered a week in advance**. This allows Chartwells to gather the information and place food orders to ensure it can accurately cook exactly what has been ordered. The new ordering system will start at Easter; Chartwells will send more information after half term with details about how and when to register and when first orders need to be placed.

Today we break up for Half Term. Children return to school on Tuesday 20th February. Have a great break!

Allie Majer

Class Attendance – The percentage attendances for the week ending 02/02/18 **96.3%**

The 100% attendance sticker and certificate was not awarded this week.

Blue Class 99.0%, Yellow Class 96.6%, Red Class 94.5%, Orange Class 99.0%, Silver Class 93.7%, Purple Class 93.3%, Rainbow Class 94.7%, Green Class 97.0% and Pink Class 99.3%

The average attendance for every child should be 95.0% or higher.

Class Attendance – The percentage attendances for the week ending 26/01/18 **96.5%**

The 100% attendance sticker and certificate was awarded to Pink Class this week.

Blue Class 97.9%, Yellow Class 93.3%, Red Class 98.6%, Orange Class 94.1%, Silver Class 97.3%, Purple Class 97.0%, Rainbow Class 91.7%, Green Class 99.0% and Pink Class 100.0%

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9th February 2018



At the beginning and end of the school day, please can you ensure you park in a safe and appropriate place. **DO NOT** block dropped kerbs, stop/park on zig-zag lines or park on the corner of a road, all of which are an offence. Can we also ask that you demonstrate safe crossing of the road to your children by using Mark, the road crossing patrol man. We are very lucky to have him.

School Office - Please note that the school office and telephone is staffed between 8.15am and 3.45pm. An answerphone service operates outside these hours.

Leave of absence - If you need to take your child out of school (other than medical appointments), please complete a Leave of Absence Form (available from the school office). If the absence request is for a holiday, evidence of it being an 'exceptional circumstance' **must be submitted with the request**. Please return forms with a minimum of **six weeks notice**.

The Signhills Blog - The Signpost Newsletter is usually published on a Friday every two weeks.

It will be available by email, on our school website and the Signhills blog. Paper copies will be available from the school office.

We have established a Signhills blog - signhillsblog.wordpress.com – and we use this to let you know about events and activities in school in between each edition of the Signpost newsletter. Signpost will also be published here. There is a link on the website and blog so you can 'follow', and it is also linked to a Twitter feed - @signhillsblog. This is a good way to receive information to a second email address.



Appointments – If your child needs to attend an appointment for doctor, dentist, opticians or hospital during school time – I would be grateful if you could bring in the appointment card/letter to the School Office for us to copy for our records. Where possible these appointments should be made outside school hours.

Pastoral Advice and Support – If you have any concerns regarding your child's academic, emotional and physical wellbeing, please see your child's class teacher in the first instance. If you would like to speak to our pupil support manager, Mrs Barrett, please make an appointment at the school office.

Dogs – Could we please remind you that dogs are NOT to be brought into the school or grounds, except for guide dogs. (This includes carrying your dog) If dogs are left outside the school, could we ask that for Health and Safety reasons they do not obstruct the pavement or entrances. Thank you.

Spare Clothes – If you have any spare tights or trousers that we could have, please send them into the Office.

School dinner/packed lunch – Please could we ask that **one full week's notice** is given if you wish to change between school dinner and packed lunch. If your child has any special dietary requirements, Chartwells who provide our school lunches require special paperwork to be completed and this can take up to 3 weeks to process. Please call the Office for more details.

TERM 3

SIGNHILLS STARS

12/01/18	Joseph Stevens Freya Young	Taylor Kershaw West Baker	Mia Atkinson	Alfie Francis
19/01/18	Jaime Grice Amelia Hepton	Harlie Mathieson Amber Field	Isaac Wright	Mason Gilbert
26/01/18	Poppy Burke Maisy Fenwick	Liam Forrest Ruby James	Eva Ibbotson	Samuel Renshaw
02/02/18	Lucas Sutherland Harley Smith	Isla Sadler Daisy Rowbotham	Saya Loftus	Oliver Lundy
09/02/18	Sonny Green Amelia Robbins	Isaac Bore George Farrell	Florence Jacques	Oliver Hollamby

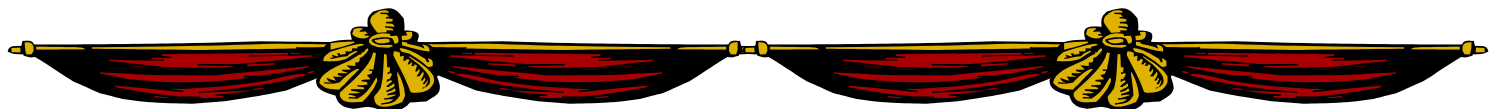


SENSATIONAL STARS

12/01/18	Evan Simpson	Betty Jones	Rocco Walsh-Cox
19/01/18	Eridon Shabani	William Fisher	Rio Reynolds
26/01/18	Norah Harris	Sienna East	Alfie Harvey
02/02/18	Eva Barton	Tiara Ely	Isabella Sheppard
09/02/18	Toby Crewdson	Bobby Burton	Jasmine Lubbersen

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – TERM 3 AND 4

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
FITC – Year 1 8 th Jan – 26 th Mar (9 weeks) Collect from Hall 4.20pm No Session on 19th Feb and 5th Mar	Yoga – All Year Groups 9 th Jan – 20 th Mar (10 weeks) Collect from Hall 4.10pm	Martial Arts – Year 1 & Year 2 3 rd Jan – 28 th Mar (8 weeks) Collect from Hall 4.10pm No Session on 17th Jan, 21st Feb, 28th Feb and 21st Mar	Fit n Fun – Year 1 & Year 2 11 th Jan – 22 nd Mar (9 weeks) Collect from Hall 4.10pm No Session on 8th Mar
Lego Club – Year 2/Group 2 26 th Feb - 26 th Mar (4 weeks) Collect from Year 1 door 4.10pm No Session on 19th Feb and 5th Mar			Choir – All Year Groups 11 th Jan – 22 nd Mar (8 weeks) Collect from Year 1 door 4.00pm No Sessions on 1st Feb and 8th Mar



DIARY DATES

<u>February</u>	Friday 9 th	End of Term 3 3.10pm
	Monday 19 th Tuesday 20 th	School closed – Teacher training day Term 4 – School opens 8.50am Planetarium visiting school – Year 1
	Wednesday 21 st Friday 23 rd	Year 2 swimming begins Year 2 Celebration Assembly – Parents welcome 9.00
<u>March</u>	Tuesday 27 th Friday 2 nd	Year 1 swimming begins Year 1 Celebration Assembly – Parents welcome 9.00am
	Monday 5 th	Class photographs 9.00am – 12.00pm Parent Consultations 2.00pm – 6.00pm
	Thursday 8 th Friday 9 th	Parent Consultations 2.00pm – 5.30pm Reception Celebration Assembly – Parents welcome 9.00am
	Friday 16 th	Year 2 Celebration Assembly – Parents welcome 9.00am
	Friday 16 th	Year 1 Celebration Assembly – Parents welcome 9.00am
	Thursday 29 th	End of Term 4
April	Monday 16 th Tuesday 17 th	School closed – Teacher training day Term 5 – School opens 8.50am



NEXT EDITION: FRIDAY 2ND MARCH 2018