



Dear Families,

A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!



I would like to warmly welcome you all back to 2019 and hope that this year brings you all lots of opportunity, love and success. We are looking forward to the many activities planned for the children that range from spelling competitions, Mental Fitness themed days, Federated sporting competitions and Food For Life family events. Please make sure that you check the website, read the letters and talk to your children about what is in store.

Our Curriculum

This half-term brings a combination of historical/scientific project themes with staff busy planning 'engage' and 'express' events. These themed days are designed to excite and 'hook' your child's interest in the project about to be launched or complete the learning that has been planned across the half-term so far. Please do make a note of these dates below:

Wednesday 9th January—Year 1 Dinosaur event

Friday 11th January—Year 2 Pi-rate themed day

Friday 11th January—Foundation Stage Superhero 'dress up'

Friday 13th February—Year 1 Dinosaur parade

Friday 15th February—Year 4 Mad Hatters Tea Party

Year 5 Victorian School Day

Year 6 Cops and Robbers 'dress up'



Amazing attendance

Despite the autumn term historically being potentially the trickiest term for absence as a result of sickness, we have managed to keep our attendance percentage at **97%**, which is 0.6% above the National expectation. This is wonderful news and we have 11 classes identified as earning themselves a MUFTI Day for achieving the National percentage consistently. The attendance MUFTI Day has been planned for **Friday 8th February** for these classes:

Hamilton, Beckham, Armstrong, Kingsley, Luther King, Presley, Rowling, Attenborough, Monet, Glennie and Gates. Well done to all of these classes.

Come Dine With Us



Calling all Year 1 and 2 families!

Please do put **Tuesday 5th February** in your diaries in preparation for this year's Come Dine With Us event. DO start thinking about what you could make with your child ahead of the information going home. This is

ALWAYS a fun event, enjoyed by many, with a fabulous prize for a food hamper to be won. Please do look out for further details coming your way soon.

Our Spotlight continues....

Mental Fitness and Run A Mile

This half-term will bring another themed day titled, '**It's Cool to Collaborate**'. We want to provide the children with as many opportunities as is possible to work together in pairs or teams. Cross-curricular learning opportunities will be planned to enable the children to problem solve, talk and share ideas and experiences. Please 'dig out' that yellow top ready for **Tuesday 22nd January** and in the next week or two, our plans will be revealed.

Please also encourage your child/ren to get to school a little earlier and start the day having run/walked a mile. We do have some keen, regular 'runners' and their parents who relentlessly run that mile but we would like more of you to join us. Perhaps add this activity to your New Years resolution list?

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for supporting our Christmas Sparkle Fair last term. It was lovely to see so many of you supporting the hard work of our staff team. I would like to personally thank the staff who supported on the stalls/in the grotto etc. We are thrilled to have raised a total of £600.00, all of which continues to be saved to support many of our themed events and resources.

Extra curricular activities

Please do make sure that you have returned your child's preferences in terms of extra curricular choices. All extra curricular activities commence the week beginning **14th January**.

Family Feast Days

This half-term brings a yummy Family Feast Day for the families and children in the Nursery. Please make a note of the date below and a letter will follow outlining what's on the menu:

Thursday 17th January at 11.30 am—all Holmes families