

#### Newsletter 12 - Friday 1st March 2024

#### Hair - nits!

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We are currently experiencing an unprecedented outbreak of nits throughout the school with most classes affected. Please ensure that any child with hair longer than shoulder length has it tied back to try and prevent the outbreak from spreading further.

Head lice are a normal part of childhood and by checking for them regularly and using an appropriate treatment, they can be dealt with quickly and easily.

Visit the link below to find out everything you need to know about checking for and treating headlice.

https://www.onceaweektakeapeek.com/

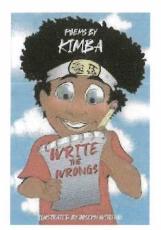
#### Extreme hair styles

Please ensure that pupils do not have extreme hair styles. No hair cut less than grade 2 is acceptable.

#### <u>Kimba</u>

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The children all had a great experience earlier this week when the performance poet, Kimba came to visit the school. He introduced the children to his 'secret sauce' for poetry: S.H.A.M.P.O.O! Each letter stood for an aspect of figurative speech, why not see if your child can remember any of them? Simile, hyperbole, alliteration, metaphors, personification, onomatopoeia and oxymorons!

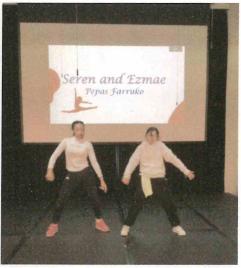
Following the assembly, the children attended year group workshops and had the opportunity to write their own poems and 'shampoo' them. Kimba signed copies of his book for those that pre-ordered and the school has a few copies in the library and in each class book corner. What a wonderful way to celebrate this World Book Day's focus on Reading for Pleasure.

#### **Performing Arts Evening**

Parents, staff and pupils enjoyed a fabulous Performing Arts event this week. Pupils from all year groups took part - demonstrating a wonderful range of talent and skill. Acts included singing, dancing, gymnastics, instrumentalists and more. Many parents commented on the standard of performance which was very high indeed. It was a joy to see the children embracing the opportunity to take their moment in the limelight. Well done all!

My very grateful thanks go to Mrs Buttaci and the team who gave so generously their time to secure such a wonderful show - it was a delight!









#### **Attendance matters!**

We know that a child's attendance has a direct impact on their learning. Those children who are regularly absent from school and regularly late do not achieve their potential and do fall behind in class. As well as this, going to school helps to develop friendships and social skills.

Parents who take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), will be liable to receive a penalty notice. Currently, the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days (This is due to increase to £80 from September). Thereafter the amount increases to £120.00 (£160 from September) if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices.

#### **Headteacher Awards**

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Congratulations to the following children who have been awarded a Headteacher Award for progress, improvement or academic excellence. These awards are made at the end of each half term and can be awarded for improvements in behaviour/attitude or for academic excellence.

3Q	3V	3G	4D	4R	4A
Stanley Peek	Emily Corteil	Albert Palmer	Jakub Pisarczyk	Rhys Vaughan	Morwenna Payne
Charlotte Hall	Tommy Dowling	Thea Archer	Edith Wilson	Aliyah Kennaugh	Hannah Workman
58	5C	5J	6G	6M	68
Elsie Dean	Sadie Norman	Elliot Tween	Max Holder	Ezmae	Isabelle
				Francis	Connors



#### **Pupil Achievement**

Sienna was scouted by Chelsea FC at a school football tournament, she had her trial on 20th February and has since been offered a place in the development centre. The foundation development centre is the intermediate level of their player development pathway. She starts next Tuesday and is very excited for this next chapter.

### **Comic Relief**

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Comic Relief will be taking place on Friday 15th March and the theme this year is "Red to toe". We will be holding a mufti day on Friday 15th March. Children can wear their own clothes or something red in order to raise money. Minimum suggested donation of £1 payable via Scopay.

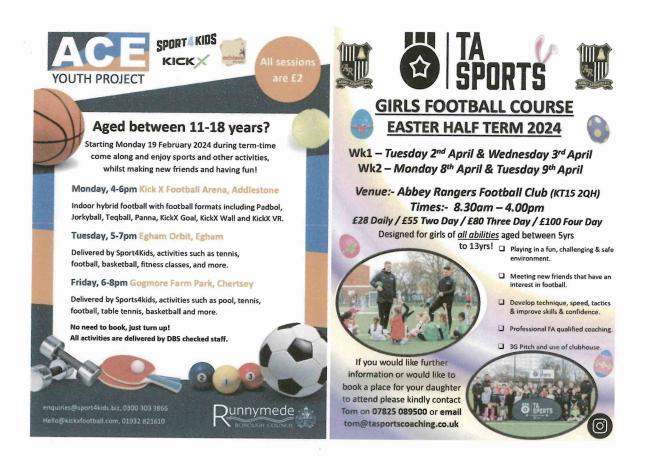
## Summer Term club booking

We are pleased to announce the launch of our Summer term extra-curricular clubs on Friday 15th March from 12 noon. See email and /or website for details.

#### **School Diary**

w/c 4th March	Book Week
Wednesday 6th March	Y5 Fullbrook visit "Everybody's Talking about Jamie"
Friday 8th March	6S Class assembly *please note date change
	PTA Krispy Kreme sale after school
Friday 15th March	Comic Relief - Mufti Day
	4R Class assembly
	PTA pre-loved uniform sale after school
Thursday 21st March	6M Class assembly

Wednesday 27th March	Y5 Easter assembly 9:15am
Thursday 28th March	Y5 Easter assembly 9:15am
	1:30pm School finishes for Easter
	PTA Easter Egg Hunt 1:30pm. Full details to follow soon.
Monday 15th April	School resumes
Friday 10th May	Class photos
13th - 16th May	Y6 SATs
w/c 20 May	Y6 residential trip
Friday 21st June	Additional training day - school closed.
Thursday 27th June	Celebration Evening 4:30pm - 6:30pm





# Do I need to keep my child off school?



#### **Chicken Pox**

Until all spots have crusted over

#### Measles or German Measles

4 days from onset of rash

## Conjunctivitis

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

#### Mumps

5 days from onset of swelling

#### Flu

Until recovered

#### Diarrhoea & Vomiting

48 hours from last episode

#### Scabies

Until after first treatment

#### **Head Lice**

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

## Glandular

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

#### Scarlet Fever

24 hours after commencing antibiotics

### Threadworms

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

## Hand, foot &

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

#### Slapped Cheek

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

#### Tonsillitis

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

## Impetigo

Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics

#### Whooping Cough

48 Hours after commencing antibiotics