

# STAR PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS LETTER



January 2016

## Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

A happy new year to you and your family. The term has begun with a hive of activity. The whole school are studying the life and works of William Shakespeare. They are enjoying visits from theatre companies and re-enacting many Shakespearian plays. Year 5 have also enjoyed a visit to the Globe Theatre. Our home school project involves a 'storybox' creation depicting a scene from one of the plays studied. Please support your child by getting involved making and talking about the story and it's meaning.

At the start of this term the overall attendance has been good at 97%. Please keep it up and be punctual. Remember children should be in the playground at 8:50, when the school bell is rung.

May I also remind everyone that it is an offence to park on the yellow lines outside the school gates. Please do not do this, even if you are running late, as it is dangerous. Children are crossing the road and parked cars can block their vision! We do not want an accident, so please pay attention to my request.

Best wishes for the year ahead.

Regards,  
C. Wilson  
Head Teacher

### Attendance

Attendance for the Autumn term was very good at 96.9%. Well done to class 4C who is in the lead with 98.6% attendance so far this school year!

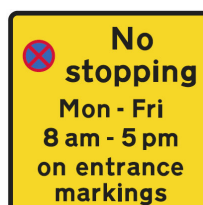
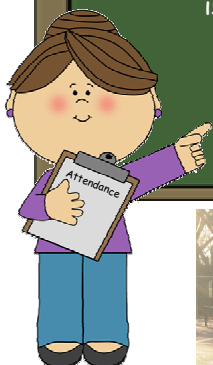
Thank you for continuing to let the school know about reasons for absence. This is really important so that we can support you in safeguarding your child.

Please remember that it is important for your child to attend school every day - from the very first day of term to the last. This increases their chances of achieving their very best.

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child is in school and on time every day - it really does make a difference!

"Coming together is a beginning; staying together is progress; working together is success."

- Henry Ford.



### Richard House Fundraising

Thank you to all those who bought a Christmas Star or Star Newspaper to help raise money for Richard House Childrens Hospice. Altogether we raised an amazing £395.48!!! This was just by selling Stars and Newspapers, we are still awaiting the total amount from the carol singing we did in the community. Thank you for helping us support such a great cause.

### Contact Details

Just a reminder that if any of your contact details change please make us aware as soon as possible. It is essential that we have the most up to date details in case we need to contact you urgently. Thank you.



## Star **SPORTS** News

We have had a quiet start to the term but both the girls and boys football teams have matches in the upcoming weeks. With all the training our young stars are doing we're sure there'll be more wins this term!

### Parking

Can we please request that when parking outside of the school that all parent/carers and other road users do not park on the yellow lines outside of the school. This is particularly dangerous around the school gates when children are entering and leaving the premises.

Thank you for your co-operation.

## Sainsbury's

For all those who shop at Sainsbury's, please save those precious vouchers! Once again we will be collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. Over the last few years we have used the vouchers to provide equipment in the playground as well as improving our provision for cookery within the school. Any vouchers are to be sent to the office or the class teacher.

### Welcome

A very warm welcome to new teachers Mr Lowe and Mr Whitehead. Mr Lowe will be taking on the duty of keeping us all fit and healthy in our PE lessons, whilst Mr Whitehead will be taking charge of our newly formed year 3 class, 3W.

### Year 4 York Visit

A brand new residential visit will be taking place this year as our lucky year 4 children will be heading to York in the summer! Whilst there they will visit the famous sites of York and learn how it has changed over time. They will also get to see the beautiful Yorkshire countryside.



### Important Dates

**Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February**

School closed for the Half term

**Monday 22nd February**

School closed for Staff Training

**Tuesday 23rd February**

School open as normal

### PIM Meetings

This term we will once again be holding our very popular "Parent Information Meetings", PIM for short.

These meetings are a great way to find out about all the different methods we use to teach your children and encourage them to achieve their potential.

We will also be going through ways in which you can help your children at home in regards to improving their learning at school.

Class	Date	Time	Event
Reception	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	9.00 am	Parent Workshops - Please refer to the letter sent out on Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2016
		2.30 pm	
Year 1	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	9.00 am	Parent Information Meeting
Year 2	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	9.00 am	Parent Information Meeting
Year 3	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	9.00 am	Parent Information Meeting
Year 4	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	9.00 am	Parent Information Meeting
Year 5	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	9.00 am	Parent Information Meeting
Year 6	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	5.30 pm	Residential Visit Meeting (Howtown)
	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	All Day	Parent Consultation Day