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### Head of School Welcome - Mrs Golding



Welcome back everyone - I hope that you have all had a fantastic Christmas. Happy New Year to you all! I can't believe it is 2024 already. The children have all settled back into school well and we have been recapping on our "St Botolph's Way", where we focus on fantastic listening, fantastic walking, fantastic manners and fantastic presentation. This is a short half term (5 weeks) but we have a lot packed into this term, from a Tudor day for our Y5/6 pupils to a visit from Al Sylvester (Antarctic explorer) for the whole school. We will also be having our school vision launch day on Friday 26th January (further details to follow).

### School Uniform

All children are expected to wear academy uniform at all times, which consists of: jade green jumper or cardigan (with or without logo), grey or black skirt, pinafore or trousers (not a fashion trouser, leggings or tracksuit), white or jade green polo shirt or plain white blouse, white, black or grey socks or tights and sensible black shoes (no trainers with logos/colours please).



Also no extreme hairstyles or colours please. If anyone is struggling with the cost of uniforms, then please contact us.

### Attendance: our school target is 97%

In line with our Trust policy, we will be doing home visits for all children on day 3 of their absence. We are also unable to authorise holidays in term time.

### School times

School starts at 8:45am and finishes at 3:15pm. We appreciate your support in ensuring that children arrive at school on time as we start our learning straight away.

### Diary Dates

#### Key dates for this term

26th January - School Vision Launch Day.

30th January - Class Zebras Pizza express trip

6th February - Safer Internet Day

9th February - Parent coffee morning

(Years 3/4 to perform)

9th February—School closes for half term

19th February - **INSET Day - school closed**

20th February - Children return to school

20th February - KS2 have a VR session

27th February - Class Penguins Pizza Express trip

## Staffing update

Mrs Shepherd will sadly be leaving us at February half term to start a full time SENCO role in another Wakefield school. We wish her all the best and she will be a great loss to the school. Mrs Clipsham will be taking over as SENCO.

As I mentioned earlier in the term, Mr Barker has now left our school. We wish him all the best. Mrs Tse will be continuing until February half-term and we will be interviewing for a class teacher for Gorilla's class this term. I will keep you all posted about our recruitment plans.

## New Reading Summer House

Our reading summer house will be installed during February half-term. We can't wait to share it with you. We are also creating a Reading Garden too, with this fabulous reading chair.



## Enrichment activities

### Tudor Day

Year 5 and 6 enjoyed their Tudor Day as an introduction to their history topic, linked to Tudors. All children got the chance to dress up in Tudor costumes and experience what life was like in Tudor times.

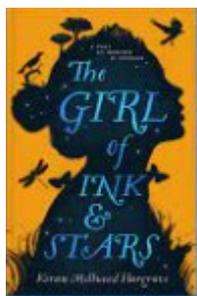
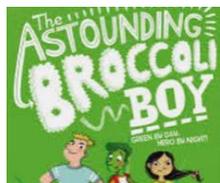
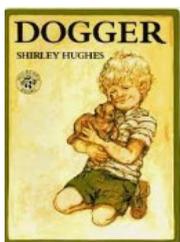


### White Rose Maths Workshop for Parents

KS1 parents were invited into school to participate in a maths workshop alongside their children.



We love reading. Here are some of the books we are enjoying this term from EYFS to Year 6.



### Young Voices

Pupils from Year 3 to Year 6 enjoyed performing at Sheffield Arena as part of Young Voices. They sang beautifully and were all a credit to our school.

