



“We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.” (Matthew 2:2)



Welcome back everyone! We hope you have all enjoyed your holiday and have had a lovely time with friends and family.

We have a busy and exciting term ahead of us and have hit the ground running, so to speak.

We started this term with ‘epiphany’; in Collective Worship we learned that epiphany means a sudden revelation or realisation – when suddenly, something becomes clear to us or we understand something important (that ‘light bulb moment’). The magi (wise men) visited the stable in Bethlehem, guided by a star to the baby Jesus. When they knelt and worshipped Jesus they were acknowledging that this tiny baby was God’s special gift to the world – the **epiphany** was that Jesus’ birth was God revealing his love for the world in a special way.

We have also been talking about resolutions we might be making this year – or not. We talked about it being okay to not have made a resolution, but that we will all be making all kinds of decisions throughout the year and that before we make any decisions, we should take the time to consider whether they are the ‘wise’ ones.

Reflection: The magi followed a star. The star was, for them, a guiding light. Guiding stars give a point of reference, they point the way, and help us to navigate. What or who in your life is your guiding star? How clearly does it shine?

Christian Value Focus

This half-term we will be focusing on **Friendship** in Collective Worship and in lessons. In Proverbs (27:9) we are told, “A sweet friendship refreshes the soul.”

Psychologists identified “13 Essential Friendship Traits”. These traits fall into three general categories, traits of **integrity**, traits of **caring**, and traits of **congeniality**. How much do you agree with each statement below?



1. I am trustworthy.
2. I am honest with others.
3. I am generally very dependable.
4. I am loyal to the people I care about.
5. I am easily able to trust others.
6. I experience and express empathy for others.
7. I am able to be non-judgmental.
8. I am a good listener.
9. I am supportive of others in their good times.
10. I am supportive of others in their bad times.
11. I am self-confident.
12. I am usually able to see the humour in life.
13. I am fun to be around.



New Year, new staff...



I am sure you will join me in welcoming our new staff members who joined our amazing team today. **Julie Godwin** joins us as our **Senior Midday Supervisor** she has extensive experience supporting children with additional needs and is very excited about her new role.

Today we also welcomed back **Emma Pettit** who has joined us as **Mowbray Class Teacher**.



We are so pleased to have Emma back with us and know that you will all feel the same.

SCHOOL DISCO

PTFA are holding their annual Masquerade Disco on Friday 17th January.

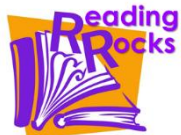
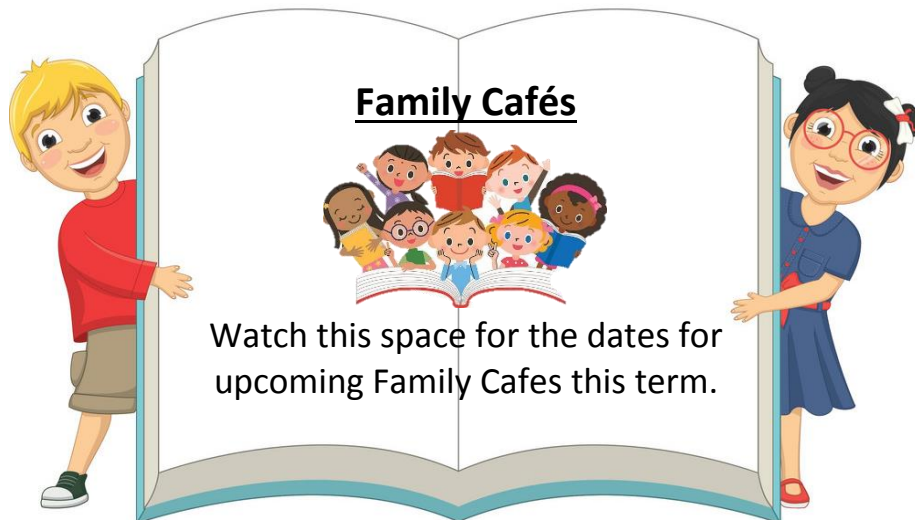
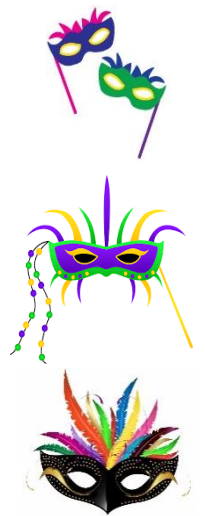
Children are encouraged to dress up in masquerade masks.

EYFS (4+ including Preschool) and KS1 (Years 1 & 2): 4:30-5:30pm

KS2 (Years 3-6): 5:45-6:45pm

Tickets are £2.50 per child (£2 siblings) and will be available from tomorrow at the school office.

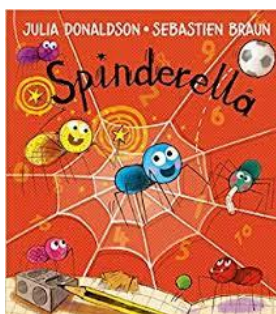
Children must be collected by an adult at the end of the disco.
Adults collecting must be on the collection list for your child.



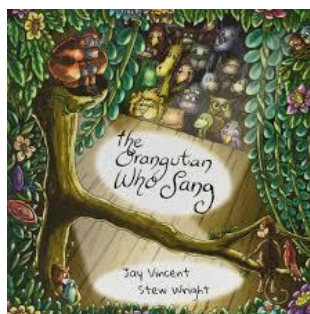
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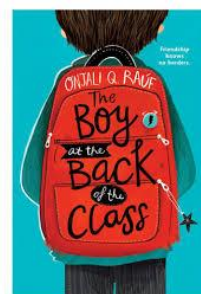
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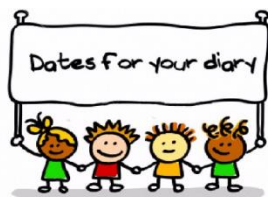


KS1



KS2





Monday 6 th January	Start of term (Reception – Year 6)
Wednesday 8 th January	Start of term (Pre-School)
Friday 17 th January EYFS & KS1: 4:30-5:30pm; KS2: 5:45-6:45pm	Masquerade Ball (school disco)
Thursday 23 rd January	Choir Club to O2 Arena – Young Voices concert
Monday 17 th to Friday 21 st February	Half Term
Wednesday 4 th March	Octavia Class to Pizza Express Kings Lynn
Monday 9 th March	Awdry Class to Careers Convention
Tuesday 31 st March	Easter Celebration in Church 9.00am
Wednesday 1 st April	Spring Term ends
Thursday 2 nd April	Teacher Training Day
Monday 20 th April	Summer Term starts
Thursday 7 th May	Octavia Class to Flag Fen
Friday 8 th May	May Bank Holiday – school closed
Monday 11 th to Thursday 14 th May	SATs for Awdry Class
Monday 18 th to Thursday 21 st May	Bikeability for Awdry Class
Thursday 21 st May	Pre School Sports Day 9.00am
Thursday 21 st May	School Sports Day 1.00pm
Monday 25 th to Friday 29 th May	Half Term
Thursday 25 th June	Neale Wade information evening for Y6
Wednesday 1 st to Friday 3 rd July	Neale Wade transition days
Thursday 9 th and Friday 10 th July	Thomas Clarkson Academy transition days
Tuesday 21 st July	Summer term closes
Wednesday 21 st July	Teacher Training Day

Sats for Year 6 will take place week commencing 11th May 2020

Thank you for your continued support!



Miss Jaynie Lynch
Headteacher

