

Friday 1 February 2019

Dear Parents & Carers,

The term is filling up with lots of exciting events (see the Key Dates on the right!) so please see these ahead of time as there are plenty of events that are for parents. The first such event is next Thursday morning when Ms Clarke and Ms Pettigrew will be hosting a coffee morning for parents. We look forward to seeing you there.

As you know, we are in the process of electing a School Council for the children of Concordia. This week, the children were asked to nominate themselves as a councillor, with the nominees taking part in an election next week. There will be two councillors elected from each class (including Reception) and we will announce the winners next week. Along with the newly formed PTA, the election of a new parent governor and now the School Council, both parents and children will have a greater say than ever before in the running of their school.

Our first after-school club activity—Drama Club—has a free taster session taking place on Wednesday 13th February and is now 'fully booked' within just days of the leaflets going out. We look forward to Ms Coleman beginning this exciting club within the next few weeks. We aim to launch another club next term!

Kind regards,

Mr Raheel Akhtar  
Headteacher

## Y1 NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Our Science topic this term has focused on animals and to conclude our learning the children will have the opportunity to create their own animal in class. To this end, we need some materials so the children can make their designs.

If you have any toilet rolls, cereal boxes or egg cartons at home then please send them in with your child next week so that we will have the supplies we need to complete this activity. Thank you for your help!



## KEY DATES 2018/19

### Spring Term 2019

#### Monday 4 February

Firefighter visiting Reception

#### Wednesday 6 February

Road Safety Performance for KS1  
by Jacolly Puppet Company  
during the afternoon

#### Thursday 7 February

Parent Coffee Morning

#### Friday 15 February

1. PE workshops with Chad Miller (British athlete)
2. Children break up for half-term

#### Monday 25 February

Children return to school

#### Thursday 28 February

KS1 Maths workshops for parents

#### Thursday 7 March

World Book Day

#### Monday 11 March

Beginning of Science Week

#### Thursday 14 March

Parent Coffee Morning

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Y1 trip to Buckingham Palace

#### Friday 15 March

Red Nose Day

#### Friday 22 March

Y2 trip to the Science Museum

#### Friday 5 April

Autism Awareness Non-uniform Day

#### Wednesday 10 April

Easter Disco

#### Thursday 11 April

Parents' Evening

#### Friday 12 April

Last day of term

*\*Dates may be added and amended where necessary*

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance for Bluebell Class this week was 96.1%. Sunflower Class had attendance of 89%. Poppy Class had attendance of 92%. Well done to Bluebell Class for having the best attendance again this week!

**Coming to school on time every day makes a significant difference to how well children achieve at school.**

Please remember that we do not authorise holidays during term time.



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**EVERY  
SCHOOL DAY  
COUNTS**

## STAR OF THE WEEK

Star of the week in Bluebell Class is Natan. Natan has been working really hard in his RWI lessons. He has been practising his sounds and can now use them to blend green words. Natan enjoys writing in different areas of the classroom and has even been using the clipboards in the garden to write outdoors. Well done Natan!

Star of the week in Sunflower Class is Marcel. This week Marcel has been making a great effort to settle down and concentrate on his work. We have noticed a big difference in both his Maths and Guided Reading this week due to this extra focus. Keep up the good work Marcel.

Star of the week in Poppy Class is Safaa! Safaa always gives 100% to her work but she has really impressed us with her effort in Topic this week. Safaa was not only able to write about famous towers from around the world, but she was also able to point out where they were on a map. Keep up the good work, Safaa.



## MATHS CORNER

Here is a Find the Difference maths problem for children to solve. Parents should support their child with the problem through questions so they develop their understanding of how to solve it. This maths problem is appropriate for children for all year groups from Reception to Y2. Feel free to use cubes, number lines or other relevant apparatus at home to help children understand the difference between two numbers.

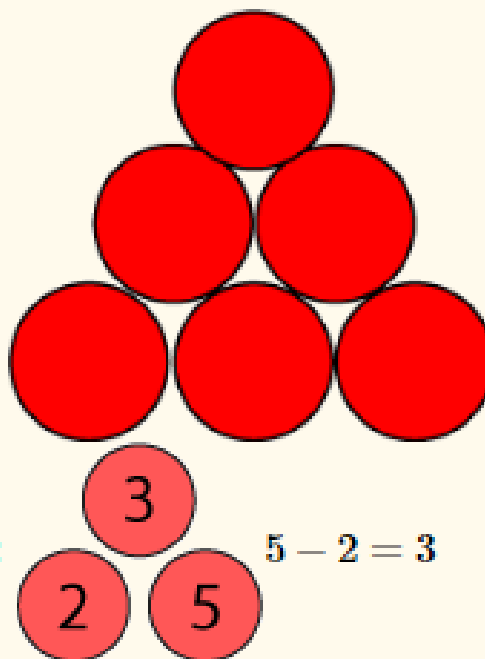
There will be a headteacher's award given to the child or children who solve it, and can explain how they did it.

They will need to bring the completed problem to Mr Akhtar at some point next week!



### Find the Difference

Place the numbers 1 to 6 in the circles so that each number is the difference between the two numbers just below it.



Example:

$$5 - 2 = 3$$



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