

Friday 4 October 2019

Dear Parents & Carers,

It was great to see the turnout at the phonics workshop for Reception parents this week. We hope to receive as many for the Y1-Y3 workshop with Ms Black today! These workshops are very important for you to understand how we teach the children, and your role in supporting them at home. Many thanks to those of you who gave us positive feedback about the event.

Reception parents should note the phonics open mornings taking place next Thursday and Friday, letters went out yesterday. These visits will allow parents to see how we teach phonics and will support your understanding of the teaching of early reading, and how to support your child at home. We look forward to seeing you all there!

### Aldi Sticker Challenge

We are making great headway in the Sticker Challenge and thank you to so many of you who have brought in stickers so far. We now have 128 stickers which means that we are well over a third of the way there!

Lets keep going and we may be able to win the £20,000 prize! Please bring any stickers you collect directly to the office.



Kind regards,

Mr Raheel Akhtar  
Headteacher

## ATTENDANCE

Class Name	Weekly Attendance
Bluebell	98.1%
Daisy	93.3%
Sunflower	99.3%
Poppy	99.6%
Carnation	97.4%

Congratulations to Poppy Class who are our attendance award winners this week! We award a rosette to the winners in assembly each week, and the winning class at the end of the term receives a prize.

Coming to school on time every day makes a significant difference to how well

children achieve at school. Good attendance at school is one of the key indicators of educational success for a child throughout their school life, so make it a priority to get your child to school every day. Please remember that we do not authorise holidays during term time.

**EVERY  
SCHOOL DAY  
COUNTS**

## KEY DATES 2019/20

### Autumn Term 2019

- Friday 4 October**  
Phonics and Reading workshop for Y1-Y3 parents
- Wednesday 9 October**  
Coffee and Courses Coffee Morning at 9am
- Thursday 10 October**  
Open Morning for Reception Bluebell parents from 8.50am
- Friday 11 October**  
Open Morning for Reception Daisy parents from 8.50am
- Friday 18 October**  
Chn break up for half-term
- Monday 28 October**  
Staff Training Day—school closed
- Tuesday 29 October**  
Chn return to school
- Thursday 31 October**  
Parent Gym Taster at 9am
- Tuesday 5 November**  
Phonics/Maths workshop for Reception parents
- Wednesday 6 November**  
Maths workshop for Y1-Y3 parents
- Thursday 7 November**  
Parent Gym at 9am
- Friday 8 November**  
Parent Coffee Morning from 9am
- Wednesday 13 November**  
PTA Movie Night
- Thursday 14 November**  
Parent Gym at 9am
- Friday 15 November**  
Children in Need Day
- Thursday 21 November**  
Parent Gym at 9am
- Wednesday 27 November**  
School nurse drop-in at 8.30am  
School nurse leading assembly for Y1-Y3—focus on teeth
- Thursday 28 November**  
Parent Gym at 9am
- Wednesday 11 December**  
KS1 SATs workshop for Y2 parent
- Thursday 12 December**  
Parents' Evening
- Friday 13 December**  
Reception workshop for parents  
Xmas Jumper Day  
Road Safety Show for Y1-Y3
- Wednesday 18 December**  
Xmas performances for parents
- Thursday 19 December**  
Xmas lunch for chn  
PTA School Disco
- Friday 20 December**  
Chn break up for Xmas holidays

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



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## HEADTEACHER AWARDS



The Headteacher Award goes to Vyuha in Carnation this week. Vyuha has done exceptionally well in literacy writing. Vyuha has written a brilliant piece of writing on contrasting moods. She has used adverbs and inverted commas effectively. Keep it Vyuha, I am very proud!

In Bluebell Class, Kaylen achieved a Headteacher Award for his fabulous handwriting in phonics this week. Kaylen has been working really hard to form his letters correctly, keeping within the lines. Keep up the fantastic work!

## STAR OF THE WEEK

Star of the Week in Bluebell Class is Chimdiebube! Chimdiebube has made a real effort to use his kind hands in class this week. Not only has he been a caring friend to his peers, he has also produced some excellent work in our maths area, finding number bonds to ten using Numicon shapes. Great job, Chimdiebube!

Star of the Week in Daisy Class this week is Maxwell! Maxwell has settled into Reception very well and is always a good example of Star Sitting when the children are on the carpet. He even remembers to put his hand up when he wants to speak! Well done, Maxwell!

Star of the week in Sunflower Class is David! David has been consistently showing brilliant behaviour since moving into Year 1. He always follows the Golden Rules and ensures that he is being a kind friend. He has also been working hard to ensure his independent work is completed to a high standard. Great work, David!

Star of the Week in Poppy Class is Shrihan! He has settled in well with his new class and is constantly making good choices and being polite to all those around him. What a great start to life at Concordia!

Star of the Week in Carnation Class is Kia! Kia has been very focused and resilient during lessons this week. Kia has shown great improvement in her behaviour and is always enthusiastic to participate in class discussions. Keep it up, Kia!



## READING TIPS FOR PARENTS

Reading with your child can give them a flying start in life and help them become lifelong readers and learners.

### Top Tips

- **Set aside some time.** Find somewhere quiet without any distractions - turn off the TV/radio/computer.
- **Ask your child to choose a book.** Sharing books they have chosen shows you care what they think and that their opinion matters. This means they are more likely to engage with the book.
- **Sit close together.** Encourage your child to hold the book themselves and/or turn the pages.
- **Point to the pictures.** If there are illustrations, relate them to something your child knows. Ask them to describe the characters or situation or what will happen next. Encourage them to tell you the story by looking at the pictures.
- **Encourage your child to talk about the book.** Talking about the characters and their dilemmas helps children understand relationships and is an excellent way for you to get to know each other or discuss difficult issues. Give your child plenty of time to respond. Ask them what will happen next, how a character might be feeling or how the book makes them feel.
- **And lastly, above all - make it fun!** It doesn't matter how you read with a child, as long as you both enjoy the time together. Don't be afraid to use funny voices - children love this!



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