

“Do the right thing.... even when no-one is looking”

Dear Parents/Carers

Attendance		
Wk beginning 24 th April:	Mulberry	98.8%
Wk beginning 1 st May:	Emerald & Mulberry	99.2%

Praise Assemblies

The following pupils received certificates in our recent assemblies: Well done to them all!

“Teacher’s Choice” – 27th/28th April

Poppy <i>For having more confidence in class</i>	Eduard Bartha
Ruby <i>Improvement in attitude towards learning</i>	Ethan Smith
Marmalade <i>Effort with reading and phonics</i>	Emelia McKenna
Amber <i>For always working hard</i>	Jenson Deeley
Sunflower <i>Improvement with organisation</i>	Mia Harrison
Buttercup <i>Effort, progress and achievement</i>	Ruben Lunn-Tooth
Emerald <i>For being a great role model</i>	Vian Alkamaly
Willow <i>For being more confident in class</i>	Lucas Curtis
Ocean <i>For a great start to the summer term</i>	Harvey Green
Sapphire <i>Good first impression</i>	Shan’i Stephenson
Mulberry <i>Maths</i>	Naveen Dhillon

“Amazing Maths” – 4th/5th May

Poppy	Zakiah Seales
Ruby	Chloe Hopwood
Marmalade	Evie Hanson
Amber	Phoenix Bristow
Sunflower	Shraddha Konari
Buttercup	Liam Hitchman
Emerald	D’Rae Mitchell
Willow	Danielle Archer
Ocean	Grace Fisher
Sapphire	Hitesh Bhatia
Mulberry	Megan Jacques

Whole School Walking Challenge

As promised, our walking challenge commenced at the end of April, with Emerald Class having first opportunity to use the pedometers. Unfortunately, only 21 were returned, 3 of which were not working. Therefore, whilst we wait for the pedometers to be returned/replaced, we have had to change the arrangements for the next class (Willow). Only half of the class will be issued with a pedometer today and the remainder of the class the week after. We ask that when it is your child’s turn to borrow and use the pedometer that they take good care of them and return them the following Tuesday morning.

Pre School

We have places available in Pre School for the afternoon sessions. If you are interested in registering your child, please contact them for more information.

Holidays in Term Time

It would appear further clarification regarding requests for holiday leave during term time (now called Leave of Absence in Exceptional Circumstances) is needed, so I wish to share the following: An 'Application for Leave of Absence' form must be completed for any holiday requests during term time. Any requests, unless for exceptional circumstances i.e. death in family etc. will be recorded as unauthorised. A letter will be sent to the parent/carer informing them of the Headteacher's decision following the holiday request. In line with legislation and our Attendance Policy we will ask the Local Authority to issue you with a penalty notice if you choose to take unauthorised leave in the absence of any exceptional circumstances. Parents who fail to ensure their child's regular attendance can be fined £60 (per parent, per child). Should the fixed penalty not be paid, parent(s) will then be prosecuted under S444(1) of the Education Act 1996.

INSET Days/Dates for Next Year

We are in the process of setting dates for events in the next school year and will let you know key dates as soon as possible. In the meantime, Monday 4th September will be an INSET day, therefore, children will return to school on Tuesday 5th September.

Message from the Chair of Governors

We have some Parent Governor vacancies coming up. We know some of you will already have considered becoming a governor, but haven't applied because you felt you didn't know enough about what's involved or thought you didn't have the skills. Perhaps the following will help:

Governor work is voluntary but very rewarding. You gain a real insight into how the school is run and have a say in shaping policy and practice.

There are 12 evening meetings a year, most up to 2 hours long; 4 are for the Full Governing Board, the other 8 split between the two sub-committees. Learning and Progress Committee meets once a term, while Site, Premises, Finance and Personnel Committee meets five times a year. You may not need to attend all 12 meetings, it depends on which committee you join.

As a team, the Governing Board have a wide range of backgrounds and skills: you do not need to have been involved in education. We try to match your skills and interests to the governor roles available. You will be given free training to help you become a governor, which may benefit you in other walks of life. You will also receive an induction pack to help you on our way.

It is hoped that governors will also attend school events and visit classes during the school day. Many of you do this already, the only difference is we ask for some brief feedback as a governor, not just a parent. If you're a working parent you may find you're entitled to up to 20 days a year release from your job to carry out your governor role!

If you would like more information, please contact the school to arrange to meet one of the governors, who would be happy to tell you more about their role.

Warning! Becoming a governor can be addictive! Many of us have served for a long time. However, if you feel passionate about standards in education and think you could have a positive impact on the future of the school, please don't hold back. We are looking forward to meeting you soon.

Carol Worsley – Chair of Governors

'Fidget Spinners'

By now I am sure you will have heard of 'fidget spinners'. These are pocket-sized toys intended to keep hands busy. The toys are being marketed as stress relievers or to help children burn up pent-up energy that can get them into trouble. Unfortunately, rather than be limited to the intended audience, fidget spinners have become the latest 'must have' toy for all children, and as such are no longer serving their purpose. As a result, we have placed a ban on 'fidget spinners' and will be confiscating any that are brought in to school until the end of the day.

Yours sincerely,

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