**Headteacher Update**

**Friday 19th January 2024**

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has flown by. Just a few updates today…

The children have continued to really enjoy playing with the new OPAL resources and we are very proud of how well most children are taking care of everything. We just need to improve on the tidying up!

Year 2 had a fantastic morning with ‘Wings and Things’ on Wednesday. While I hid in my office to avoid the snake, the children all thoroughly enjoyed meeting the animals (some stayed in boxes!) and learning more about them. What a fab experience for them all!

**Being ready for school**

Please can we remind parents to ensure book bags, diaries and reading books are brought to school each day. Please also ensure children have named water bottles with them everyday so we can make sure they all stay hydrated.

As I have mentioned in a previous update, we appear to have a number of reading books and diaries that are lost throughout the year. We simply do not have the funds to keep replacing lost books and diaries, so please encourage the children to take really good care of resources we send home. There will be a charge of £1 made when we need to replace diaries and we will also now have to charge parents the full price of lost reading books, which is an average of £5.

**Attendance**

We still appear to be in ‘winter virus season’ as overall attendance has been low this week. Please remember we encourage you ‘send them in and see how they go’, rather than ‘keep them off just in case’. We will always phone for children to be collected if children are too poorly to be in school.

Well done to Year 4 who have won the class attendance competition this week with 97%. They have won an extra OPAL play session.

Class attendance this week:

Reception : 91%

Year 1: 90%

Year 2: 96%

Year3: 92%

Year 4: 97%

Year 5: 94%

Year 6: 91%

**Dates for your diaries:**

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| **Event** | **Date** | **Time** | **Classes involved** |
| Valentines Disco  | Wednesday 14th February | TBC | Separate infants and juniors |
| London visit | Thurs 8th Feb – Fri 9th Feb |  | Year 6 |
| Break up for half term | Friday 16th February | 3.15pm | All classes |
| World Book Day | Thursday 7th March  | All day | All classes |
| Parents’ Evenings | Tuesday 19th March | After school | All classes |
| Parents’ Evenings  | Thursday 21st March  | After school  | All classes |
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Have a lovely week everyone.

Kind regards,

Mrs Harrison and Mrs Guy