



# SLS Update

Learning today for a better tomorrow.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

## ★ Well Done to This Week's GOLD Award Winners ★

**Reception** – George

**Class 1** – Reeva & Tom

**Class 2** – Edward, Oliver & Toby

**Class 3** – James

## Safeguarding: Road Safety Campaign

Road safety continues to be a priority for us and you may have noticed our local PCSO, Denise Booth, patrolling the area outside school earlier in the week – please see the attached letter from Denise who is also going to support our push for a crossing. During Class 3's recent visit to the Houses of Parliament, the children met our local MP, Andrew Jones, and Miss Howells made sure to speak to him about the road safety issues we face. Coincidentally, Andrew had recently sent a letter to one of our parents regarding these issues so we are hopeful that something will be done soon. We intend to present him with our petition to further add weight to our campaign.

## Wraparound Care – 3 Month Review

We are now approaching the end of the 3 month review period for the costings of our new wraparound after school club. Prior to launching, our most recent parent consultation had indicated that we could expect an average of 21 children per day in the club. In reality, we have had an average of 9 children per day booked into the club. Only 38% of bookings were for the extended period to 5.45pm. In the coming weeks, our bursar will be evaluating the cost effectiveness of the club and we will keep you informed of any amendments to fees that may be required going forward after Easter to ensure that it remains financially viable.

## World Book Day

We loved seeing everyone's World Book Day costumes yesterday. The children took part in our annual book quiz in the morning – congratulations to the winners, the Green Gorillas! Scroll down for photos of some recent events!

## Joke Competition

Thank you to everyone who submitted a joke for our Comic Relief competition. The winning jokes were:

Reception – **Immy** – Why do giraffes have a long neck? Because their feet smell!

Class 1 – **Hildi** – Why did the cow cross the road? Because it wanted to go to the mooseum!

Class 2 – **Ava** – How does the moon cut his hair? Eclipse it!

Class 3 – **Wilf** – Why do bees have sticky hair? Because they use honey combs!

Please don't forget to donate online [here](#) either for non-uniform day or for your child's joke competition entry.

## Free Holiday Activities this Easter

We have issued vouchers to all families whose children are eligible for free places on FEAST activities this Easter. You should have received this via email or text, from a platform called Holiday Activities. Follow the link in this email/text to redeem your voucher and book your child's place on some of the activities on offer across North Yorkshire.

If you believe your child is eligible and you have not yet received your voucher, or you have lost it, please contact the school office.

## Class 1 Swimming

After Easter, it will be Class 1's turn to go swimming on Wednesday mornings. Swimming lessons will start on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April and we will send a letter out to Class 1 parents nearer the time.

# Weekly Attendance Figures

Reception – 100%

Class 1 – 96.55%

Class 2 – 97.22%

Class 3 – 96.62%

**Well done to Reception who achieved the highest attendance again this week!** The expectation is that schools maintain an attendance level of **at least 97%**. This is the measure that schools are subject to during both local and national inspections. Figures below that level will be heavily criticized. We appreciate your support with this. It is also a legal requirement for children to attend school regularly. Please ensure that children are in school and on time every day and please avoid term time holidays. We are aware that there are lots of illnesses going around at the moment, please refer to the NHS guidance [here](#) when determining whether or not to keep your child off school.

Over 97%

90 – 97%

Under 90%

## DID YOU KNOW?

Whilst 95% attendance doesn't sound too bad, across a year it means your child would have missed 9 days of school, or 45 lessons. Over 7 years of primary school, 95% attendance each year would add up to 12.5 weeks or 3 months or one whole term of missed school.





