



# SLS Update

Learning today for a better tomorrow.

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## Excellence in Maths

On Thursday, we hosted a mixed age maths Teacher Research Group (TRG) for the Yorkshire Ridings Maths Hub. We were incredibly privileged that Dr Debbie Morgan CBE from the National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics (NCETM) joined the teachers, headteachers and maths specialists at the meeting.

Debbie joined the NCETM in 2012, and, since 2014, has led the work of introducing teaching for mastery approaches to maths in primary schools across England. In that time, working alongside the national network of Maths Hubs, Debbie has trained and influenced many thousands of teachers. As a result, hundreds of thousands of primary school pupils have developed a more secure and more lasting mathematical understanding.

This work is the culmination of an entire working life devoted to primary education, during which time Debbie has moved from class teacher to headteacher, and on to advisory and teacher-training roles with local authorities and universities. In 2015, she completed her doctorate with the Open University, which focused on the development of primary teachers' mathematics subject knowledge.

In addition, she has found time to be the maths consultant on the BAFTA award-winning CBeebies programme Numberblocks.

We are thrilled that Debbie left our school impressed at the 'inspirational' teaching she observed. This is great recognition of the work that Miss Alvarez has, and continues to do to ensure that maths teaching, not only in her own class, but across the school, is excellent.

This is further recognition of the high quality teaching and learning that is everyday practice in our school. Well done and massive thanks to all staff for their ongoing hard work and dedication. You can read Dr Debbie Morgan's comments about her visit [here](#).

## National Child Measurement Programme

Further to the information we sent out earlier in the month, children in Reception and Year 6 will have their height and weight checked at school as part of the National Child Measurement Programme. The checks will be carried out by trained health care providers who are coming to our school on Monday 5th February.

## Parents Evenings

Parents evenings will be held in the week commencing Monday 19th February. More information will be sent out next week regarding bookings.

## Chinese New Year Meal

On Thursday 8th February, Magda will be making a Chinese-inspired meal in celebration of Chinese New Year. The main course will be sweet and sour chicken, and the vegetarian option will be noodles with vegetables. If your child doesn't normally have a school dinner on that day but would like to have the Chinese meal, please email the office.

## Class 1 Volunteers

We are still looking for volunteers for the Ilkley toy museum trip on Thursday, please contact the office if you are available.

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

Reception – James

Class 1 – Jude and Matilda W

Class 2 – Ali and Alice

Class 3 – Ella and Thomas

## Safeguarding: Road Safety

We are working hard to continue teaching the children good road sense. We appreciate your support with this. Not only will it help keep children safe on their way to and from school every day, but hearing a message consistently over time will help children remember it wherever they are, including on school trips. Our Year 5/6 children will be going to London on their residential in March so road safety awareness will be extremely important.

## Mrs Greveson-Ratcliffe's Cold Water Dip

Click [here](#) to support Mrs Greveson-Ratcliffe's Cold Water Dip for Young Lives vs Cancer. If you are able to donate anything, your contribution will make a difference. Thank you.

## Sports for Schools Fundraising Event – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

We are very excited about the visit from GB gymnast, Isabel Haigh, next Friday. Isabel will lead a sponsored fitness circuit with all classes in the school hall. The aim of the event is to raise money to spend on resources that will help us to increase the children's physical activity levels.

## Weekly Attendance Figures

[Reception – 99.07%](#)

[Class 1 – 96.17%](#)

[Class 2 – 100%](#)

[Class 3 – 88.41%](#)

**Well done to Class 2 who achieved 100% attendance 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.

## Diary Dates – Subject to Change

### January 2024

**Wed 31<sup>st</sup>** – Class 2 Swimming 4/9

### February 2024

**Thurs 1<sup>st</sup>** – Class 1 Trip to Ilkley Toy Museum

**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Walk to School Day / Sports for Schools Sponsorship Event

**Wed 7<sup>th</sup>** – No Swimming for Class 2 / KS2 Dance Festival (details TBC)

**Fri 9<sup>th</sup>** – School closes at 3.25pm for half term / PTA book and cake stall after school

**Mon 19<sup>th</sup>** – Parents evening

**Tues 20<sup>th</sup>** – Parents evening

**Wed 21<sup>st</sup>** – Class 2 Swimming 5/9 / Parents evening

**Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Parents evening

**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Parents evening

**Wed 28<sup>th</sup>** – Class 2 Swimming 6/9

### March 2024

**Wed 6<sup>th</sup>** – Class 2 Swimming 7/9 / Class 3 Residential to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March (details TBC)

**Thurs 7<sup>th</sup>** – World Book Day

**Wed 13<sup>th</sup>** – Class 2 Swimming 8/9 / Reception & Class 1 Dance Festival (details TBC)

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup>** – Reception & Class 1 Trip to Flamingo Land

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup>** – Class 2 Swimming 9/9 / Class 2 Performance at Scotton Village Hall

**Thurs 21<sup>st</sup>** – Class 2 Trip to Stump Cross Caverns

**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup>** – School closes at 2.30pm for Easter – no wraparound after school club today

### April 2024

**Mon 8<sup>th</sup>** – Staff Training Day

**Tues 9<sup>th</sup>** – School re-opens