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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week our children in year 5 had an exciting webinar with the one and only Rob Bradley, the rapping poet. They were inspired by his fantastic ability to create a rap including one of 20 random words we had provided as part of the audience to showcase his natural 'freestyle' rapping to a catchy beat. He also shared a few of his poems from his book 'Reasons to Write Rhymes'. Year 5 enjoyed completing the missing lyrics in the rhymes. The webinar finished off with a Q and A session to learn more about Rob and his journey to this interesting career. Please see our Facebook page. Thanks very much to Rob Bradley - our children loved this interactive webinar and seeing your wonderful skills.

Key Stage One had a fantastic visit to Leeds Islamic Centre this week. They learned all about the rules and procedures Muslims follow when they enter the mosque, and the Iman Wassim told us all about the Five Pillars of Islam. The children really enjoyed the opportunity to see their RE learning come to life, asking lots of interesting questions to find out even more. Throughout the trip, all our children acted respectfully and showed our REACH values! Thank you to our staff and volunteers for making this visit possible.



On Friday 5th May we will be celebrating the King's Coronation. The children can come to school wearing red, white and blue. They will be having a picnic lunch and taking part in some related activities during the afternoon.



Free School Meal Entitlement

We want to make sure that we are providing your child with the best education and support we can. Healthy school food has obvious health benefits and can help pupils establish healthy habits for life. Healthy school food can also help to improve pupils' readiness to learn.

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. Your child is eligible for free school meals if you're in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

Even if your child receives a Universal Free School Meal (Reception and KS1), if you meet any of the criteria above you are entitled to register for free meals which would mean the school would receive an extra £1,320 funding (per year) to fund valuable support towards teaching or learning support hours, or after school activities.

This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the benefits listed above. If you think you may be eligible, please contact the school office. At times when school budgets are being stretched, we would really appreciate it if those who are entitled apply for this. This is something parents/carers would need to do before children move into Y3 but helps our children and school if you do this as early as possible. Thanks.

Golden Assembly

It was wonderful to celebrate our children receiving their awards in assembly this morning. The children were selected last week to receive this special award and were chosen for a whole host of reasons – these included demonstrating perseverance with their learning and showing kindness, whilst other children were recognised for their excellent progress in reading and maths. It was lovely to see all the parents and family members who joined us to celebrate their child's achievements.



Attendance Matters!

Attendance for WC 17/4/23- 97.6%	
Attendance so far 95.7%	
Reception class Miss Robinson	100%
Reception class Mrs Petch	97.4%
Class 1	93.7%
Class 1/2	98.5%
Class 2	94.5%
Class 3	99.0%
Class 3/4	99.0%
Class 4	100%
Class 5	98.3%
Class 5/6	99.3%
Class 6	95.2%

Green – 97% and above

Yellow – 95%-96.9%

Orange 93%- 94.9%

Red – Below 93%

It is great that so many children are wearing their attendance badges each day for school. Our children are 'keen to be green' for their attendance and all children who are still green towards the end of the year will be invited to an attendance celebration event, which will be great fun!



Today our children in Earth House enjoyed their winner celebration! They won the most points by having excellent attendance and reading regularly at home. Fantastic job! Thank you to the staff team for organising this fun event for our champions!

The championship begins again! Which house will be the champions this time? Thank you for your support by hearing your child read and ensuring they arrive at school each day on time.

Congratulations!

Last week was an excellent week for attendance as we exceeded our 97%, achieving 97.6% for the week. A special mention to our champions this week – Miss Robinson's Class and Miss Price's class for their 100% attendance last week.

All classes are keen to exceed 97% attendance for their class and house so they can learn more and enjoy more rewards. For every 3 certificates a class wins, there is an extra break on the Trim Trail – which they love doing.



This weekend is the annual May Day Celebration in Rothwell. This year the May Queen and her attendants have been selected from Rothwell Primary School. If you joining the celebrations then look out Ivy who will be the May Queen, supported by her attendants Ava and Maisie. The crowning of the May Queen will be at 11.45am.

Have a wonderful bank holiday weekend.

Leila Rothenburg

Headteacher

Dates for Your Diary

Dates	Event/Activity Anything new is in red.
Monday 1 st May	May Day Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2 nd May	Teacher strike classes closed: both Reception classes, Class 1, Class 1/2, Class 3 and Class 3/4
Friday 5 th May	King Charles Coronation – children to wear red, white and blue to school. King Charles Coronation afternoon in Reception class 1pm – 2.30pm Group of children in Y3-4 - Tennis event at Rothwell Park tennis courts
Monday 8 th May	Bank Holiday – Coronation of King Charles III
Tuesday 9 th May	KS2 SATs Week (Tuesday to Friday)
W/C 15 th May & W/C 22 nd May	KS1 SATS
Tuesday 16 th May	3:15pm Parents of children in KS1 are invited into school to celebrate their children's learning.
Friday 19 th May	KS2 Brownlee Triathlon event
Friday 26 th May	May half term
Monday 5 th June	Start of the summer term 2
Wednesday 7 th June	Y4 Tag rugby competition
Friday 9 th June	Reception class pyjamarama day
Friday 16 th June	Reception class - Doughnuts for Dad, stay and play session
Friday 16 th June	Class photos
Tuesday 20 th June	KS1 visit to Bridlington
Friday 23 rd June	Reception class trip to Swithens Farm
Friday 30 th June	Training day
Tuesday 4 th July	Reception Summer walk to the pastures (Miss Robinson's class) TBC
Thursday 6 th July	Reception Summer walk to the pastures (Mrs Petch's class) TBC
Friday 21 st July	Break up for Summer
Monday 24 th July	Training day
Tuesday 25 th July	Training day