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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week we have had this week. The children are doing some excellent work in every class. Here are some highlights: Y3 swimming, Y3 and Y4 'Come learn with me', Y6 writing non-chronological reports, Y2 writing persuasive letters and much more.

Phonics (Reception to Y3)

What is phonics?

Phonics is an approach to teaching some aspects of literacy by developing pupils' knowledge and understanding of the relationship between written symbols and sounds. This involves the skills of hearing, identifying and using the patterns of sounds or phonemes to read written language. The aim is to systematically teach pupils the relationship between these sounds and the written spelling patterns, or graphemes, which represent them. Phonics emphasises the skills of decoding new words by sounding them out and combining or 'blending' the sound-spelling patterns.

Why do we teach phonics?

Phonics approaches have consistently been found to be effective in supporting younger pupils in mastering the basics of reading, with an average impact of an additional five months' progress. Research suggests that phonics is particularly beneficial for younger learners (4–7 year olds) as they begin to read.

What can you do to help?

Please ensure you practise the sounds, 'word bag words' and reading books sent home by the teacher with your child regularly. Please read with them every day.

Thank you to the Y1 parents who attended the phonics meeting on Tuesday. We are having another meeting on Tuesday, 7th May at 9 a.m. Hopefully, we will see you there.

Come learn with me

Thank you to all the significant males and other careers for coming. The sessions were reported to be great fun, and it was wonderful for the children to share their learning experiences. We look forward to seeing the Y5 and Reception significant males next week.





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KS 2 Disco

FOSJ are organising a Disco for the KS2 children on 24th May between 6 pm - 8 pm. The cost for the event is £4. You can make the payment using Parent Gateway. Please speak to the office staff if you have any questions about how to make the payment.

Measles, mumps and rubella cases in schools

Due to a recent increase in measles cases, the UK Health Security Agency has asked schools to share the factsheet linked [here](#).

Key dates for next week

Tuesday 7th May Swimming for Y3

Tuesday 7th May - Y5 Come learn with me

Tuesday 7th May - Y1 Phonics meeting

Friday 10th May - Reception Come learn with me

Thank you for your support

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend.

With thanks,

Ms H Khan

Head of School

