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March's Mantra: Mistakes are opportunities for learning

School Communication

Schedule for After School Clubs Next Week

Monday 18th – closing at 5:00pm
Tuesday 19th – closing at 4:00pm
Wednesday 20th – closing at 4:00pm
Thursday 21st – closing at 5:30pm
Friday 22nd – closing at 4:00pm
Monday 26th – closing at 5:00pm
Tuesday 27th – closing at 4:00pm
Wednesday 28th – No after school club

Contacting staff

If you need to speak to your child's class teacher please can all email communication initially come through the office at office@grd.unity-ed.uk

Dates for your Diary

March 2024

Thursday 21 st	2:30pm Share the Learning (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME) – All parents welcome
Friday 22 nd	2:30pm Easter Service at St. Andrews Church with Revd Andrea, all welcome
Wednesday 27 th	2:30pm Easter Hat Parade, parents welcome to walk around the village No after school club tonight

April 2024

Monday 15 th	All children Return to School
Thursday 18 th	2:45pm Reading Together, all welcome

May 2024

Wednesday 1 st	Y6 Crucial Crew at King's Lynn, letter to follow
Thursday 2 nd	2:45pm Reading Together, all welcome
13 th – 16 th	Y6 SAT'S
Thursday 16 th	2:45pm Reading Together, all welcome
Friday 24 th	Last day of term

June 2024

Wednesday 5 th	Class Photos
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Wednesday 12th Y2 swimming at Swanton Morley pool, letter to follow
 Thursday 13th Y2 swimming at Swanton Morley pool
 2:45pm Reading Together, all welcome
 Friday 14th Y2 swimming at Swanton Morley pool
 Wednesday 19th Y6 Trip to London – letters to follow soon

 Thursday 20th Y2 swimming at Swanton Morley pool
 Thursday 27th Royal Norfolk Show – late return to school
 Friday 28th Sports Day with ICS
 Family Picnic
 2pm Summer Fete organised by FoDS

July 2024

Thursday 11th 2:45pm Reading Together, all welcome
 Wednesday 17th Y6 leavers trip details to be confirmed
 2pm Share the Learning, all welcome
 Friday 19th 2pm Y6 Leavers assembly, parents of Y6 children invited
 Last day of term



Above and Beyond

Elvis – for remembering amazing facts about animals
 and telling us during our zoo trip.
 James – for a superb effort interacting with others in a
 really positive manner.



Mathletics w.c 11.03.24

Bronze
 Beau, Darcy B and Cole
 Platinum
 Toby and Ralpie
 Diamond
 Dakota

Maths Marvel

Imogen – working really hard when learning quarter
 past on a clock.

Writing certificate

Hazel – for writing really neatly and working on
 keeping her letters on the line.
 Percy – for trying really hard with his newspaper
 report and presentation.

Weekly Attendance w.c 11.03.24

Our attendance target for this year is 95%

Oulton ~ 95.32%
 Ranworth ~ 95.06%
 Hickling ~ 84.03%

Attendance for the year

Oulton ~ 93.01%
 Ranworth ~ 96.1%
 Hickling ~ 94.53%

Our whole school attendance this year to date is 94.51%
 National average currently is 93.8%

Your child is considered a persistent absentee if their attendance is below 90%

Ranworth Class

Oulton Class

Oulton Class has had a very busy week. Year 1 and 2 enjoyed continuing to learn all about time in maths and in Talk for writing we began drawing our story maps for our Lost and Found story. Reception have been learning about positional language and enjoying the dry weather playing outside with our vet surgery. In Outdoor Learning we made some benches for everyone to sit on, attempted to make a boat out of fallen branches and had great fun in the mud cafe.

We had an amazing time at the zoo where some of us held a hissing cockroach and a giant stick insect. We then visited the giraffes, tigers, seals, cheetah, snow leopard, monkeys, owls, penguins and meerkats. We also had a quick play in the play park before returning back to school. In PE we have been practicing our basketball dribbling skills and in computing we are learning about our digital footprint. Have a great weekend.

Hickling Class

This week in Hickling, the children have worked very hard with their news reports and thought about formatting them with columns, pictures and captions using formal language. Linked to our project, the children have looked at classifying animals that they could see along the River Nar and sorted them based on their characteristics. We are in the middle of making 3D river models to show our knowledge of river features and their learning this term. Once again, we have had a focus on forming good relationships, feelings and our reactions to situations, all in order to create a positive impact in our school community.

Reminders

Parking outside the school; Please do not park on the yellow lines outside of school or in the car park.

Snack; Please only pack fresh fruit or vegetables in your child's bag for their break time snack.

Breakfast and After School Club; If your child is attending either breakfast or after school club please can you email the office each Monday and let Mrs Marshall know which dates your child would like to attend and if possible, for after school club when you plan to collect your child.

Name ALL uniform; Please remember to write your child's name in **all** their school uniform and PE kit, this helps staff to reunite lost clothing with your child.

Office Hours; The office is open 8:30am – 3:30pm please leave a message on the answer phone outside of these hours.

Registers; The school gate opens at 8:40am and closes at 8:45am. Registers in class are taken at 8:45am. If you arrive after 8:45am you will need to buzz the office and your child will be marked as late with the number of minutes recorded. The registers close at 8:55am arrival at 8:55am or after will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and will affect your child's attendance.

Holidays; Holiday taken during term time will not be authorised and may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice of £60 being issued per child, per parent. So, for a family of four that could mean a fine of £240.00. From September 2024 this will increase to £80 per child.

Wellies and Waterproofs; If possible please can all the children have wellies and waterproofs in school for outdoor learning. Their wellies and waterproofs can stay in school. Please can you name your child's wellies

and waterproofs. Oulton Class Wednesday afternoon. Ranworth Class Tuesday afternoon. Hickling class Thursday afternoon.

Chewing gum and cough sweets; Chewing gum is NOT allowed in school. If your child needs cough/throat lozenge in school then these must be brought to the office in the morning so they are supervised when eating them and not shared with other children.

Nuts – We are a nut free school.

Outdoor Learning – Oulton Class Wednesday afternoon
Ranworth Class Tuesday afternoon
Hickling Class Thursday afternoon



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