

# Tull-egraph



Term 4 Week 2

March 2022

**Dear Parents/Carers,**

I'm sure that we can agree that there are many things that we started doing during the pandemic that we can't wait to see the back of and, oddly enough, a few things that we are happy to keep going.

I, for one, will not miss regularly having to put an oversized cotton bud up my nose at least twice a week. However, I am really pleased with the way in which our morning provision has not only given children a chance to get a free breakfast, time with their friends and an opportunity to get ahead with their work but it has also reduced the traffic and general crowded feel to the morning drop off.

It has to be said, however, that we really need to avoid stopping on the zigzag lines. Not only is it against the Highway Code to do so it also poses a potential risk to pedestrians, many of whom are our children and their families.

We are approaching the council to see if they could support a drop off space that can be kept clear for families and delivery drivers to use. Even if the council take the time to consider our request, I am not entirely convinced that this will improve the situation a great deal. Therefore I would urge that, if there is no space outside of the zigzags, you try your best to park lower down Walton Road for dropping off.

You will also find, on the third page of the newsletter, some information about attendance and lost days of learning. This is not intended to be a moan about the time that children, for genuine reasons, are away from school but to highlight how many days and weeks that these absences can quickly add up to. Days and weeks that can't really be made back up.

I know that you all want to give your children the best possible start in their education, help us to make that happen by avoiding unnecessary time off school.

**Frazer E. Westmorland**

## Dates for Diary

**Y6 Assembly (virtual)**

Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Mar

**The Secret Garden – M&M Theatre**

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Mar

**Red Nose Day (£1 - wear Red)**

**Clubs finish week ending Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

**House Event: Skipping- Fri 25<sup>th</sup>**

March, P.E kits needed in school

**Week Commencing 27<sup>th</sup> March- Living and Growing Week**

**Easter Service at St Johns Church- 29<sup>th</sup> March**

**Good to be Green Reward – 29<sup>th</sup> March**

**House Event- 31<sup>st</sup> March**

**Birthday Party- March 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Easter Parade- Parents may come onto the school playground at 3pm to watch.**

### Fundraising

Mr Scott, our Year 4 teacher, is running the Manchester Marathon on 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

He is hoping to raise money to go towards improving our playground. We are trying to raise the funds to make an exciting play environment for our children, plans include a sports pitch, imagination area and covered seating. Please click the link if you would like to donate: [Crowdfunding to help fund some new exciting playground project!](#)

[on JustGiving](#)

Good Luck Mr Scott!



### Uniform Reminder

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform and P.E. Kit. If you are having any problems then please ask to speak to Mrs Gretton. Click [here](#) to view our uniform guide.

### Jubilee Tag Day

We managed to raise a total of £130 today for our school Jubilee celebrations in June! Thank you for the donations, we have an exciting celebration planned.



### Kingswood Residential

The next instalment of £20 for the Year 6 October residential is now due. Please pay via the online payment app, if you have any problems then let Mrs Milton know.

### School Drop Off

Please avoid parking on the zig zags outside the school when dropping off children. Please park considerately to keep everyone safe, thank you.



### Mundella V Castle Hill

Yesterday we had a football match on the field against Castle Hill. The players included: Harrison (Captain), Amber, Dexter, Leighton, James, Jayden, Jacob, Noah, Clayton, Rylee, Jonathan, Harry, Lola and Ian. We had Mr Evans as our referee and Miss Medicott as our coach. Castle Hill were a good team and played well. From playing against Castle Hill we learnt to stay in our positions, to spread out, pass and to use teamwork. We didn't have any injuries but Rylee got a stud in the leg. Our player of the match is Harry, he tried his very hardest to stop the other team from getting a goal. He never gave up with his defending! We are looking forward to our next match. Good luck players!

-Captain's Report, Harrison



### World Book Day

Yesterday we ran some competitions in class to celebrate World Book Day. Here are the winners:

**Year R- Decorate a potato to look like your favourite book character: Saif & Laura**

**Year 1 & 2 Create a Story Paper Chain: Sienna, Evie-Mai, Leo & Juliet**

**Year 3 & 4 Paint a pebble with your favourite book character: Kaitlynn, Kadie-Leigh, Caiden & Benjamin**

**Year 5 & 6 Paper representation of your favourite book: Emmy, Brooke, Marley & Anna**

Congratulations to our winners, we hope you enjoy your book prizes. Well done to all the children who took part, make sure you use your book tokens by the expiry date.



# Every Day Counts !



- Days off school add up to **lost learning**
- Please **don't let your child miss out** on the education they deserve
- **Every school day counts!**

**175 non-school days in a year – use these to spend with family on visits, holidays, shopping, appointments and other household activities**

<b>190</b> school days in a year.  190 days for your child's education	4 days absent	8 days absent	10 days or 2 weeks absent	14 days absent	16 days or over 3 weeks absent	19 days or nearly 4 weeks absent	38 days or nearly 8 weeks absent
	<b>186</b> days of learning	<b>182</b> days of learning	<b>180</b> days of learning	<b>176</b> days of learning	<b>174</b> days of learning	<b>186</b> days of learning	<b>152</b> days of learning
<b>100%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>80%</b>
<b>Excellent</b> Best chance of success		<b>GOOD</b> Staying in the game		<b>WORRYING</b> Less chance of success		<b>SERIOUS CONCERN</b> Probable Fixed Penalty Notice (fine)	
<b>If you are worried about your child's attendance please talk to your school about it.</b>							

The above figures are approximate representations based upon a whole school year, with 96% being around 1.5 days per term.

Approximate total days learning lost so far this year	<b>900</b>	Approximate days learning lost per child	<b>5</b>
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The figures below represent the first three terms at school this year\*.

	<b>100%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>80%</b>
Days Lost	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 1 week	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 2 weeks	<b>20</b> 4 weeks

Take a look at your child's most recent report, how many lost days does their percentage attendance add up to?

\* If your child has been at Mundella Primary School all year.