



# JANUARY NEWS



## AMAZING ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG

Year 5 and 6 learners were amazed to discover “historical animal bones” on site last week during their archaeological dig at the start of their new topic discovering ‘Why some creatures no longer exist?’ Through this topic learners will be investigating how animals have adapted in order to survive in extreme climates as well as discovering some amazing creatures which sadly do not exist any longer.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AMAZING LEARNERS

Congratulations to all our gold learners who came to school in non-uniform last Friday in recognition for their exemplary behaviour over the Autumn term. We are incredibly proud of the improvements all our learners have made in their behaviour over the past term and the incredible work each class has been pioneering to spread their LEARNER values in the community. See below for more information on Year 4’s amazing project this term.

## DAZZLING DRINKS SALE

Year 4 have been working incredibly hard over the last term to create and manufacture their own mock-tails using all of their English and Maths skills to calculate quantities and promote their sale. Having listened to a variety of presentations on different charities in the local area, they made the choice to support St. Giles Hospice, and were warmly welcomed into the local shop to present their donation to the volunteers who work there at the end of last term. Well Done Year 4 – an exceptional display of all our LEARNER values which we look forward to hearing even more about in your assembly this week.



## THANK YOU BLITHBURY REINDEER LODGE



**BLITHBURY**  
Reindeer Lodge

Our sincere thanks to Blithbury Reindeer Lodge, and especially to Logan’s Mum, who very kindly donated gifts for our Reception class as well as 250 Gingerbread men and decorations which our learners have very much enjoyed decorating over the past few days.

## PARENT PAY ACCOUNTS

May we kindly remind all parents and carers that monies for trips, dinners and extended school care must be paid promptly via the ParentPay system. If you do have any difficulties using ParentPay or indeed meeting these costs, please do come and speak to the school office who will be happy to help.

## ATTENDANCE

At this tricky time of year, we thank you all for supporting us in ensuring that every child’s attendance remains high.

In December, our attendance was:

Reception	<b>92.5%</b>
Year 1	<b>94.1%</b>
Year 2	<b>87.8%</b>
Year 3	<b>89.2%</b>
Year 4	<b>93.8%</b>
Year 5	<b>93.1%</b>
Year 6	<b>93.2%</b>



*Well done to Year 1 for securing the highest attendance levels this month!*

## KEY STAGE 2 PE KIT

Please be reminded that every learner in Key Stage 2 requires an outdoor PE Kit for Friday afternoons. This will be used in all weathers so warm clothes and a waterproof coat are essential. If you have any queries or difficulties with this, please do come and speak with us and we will do our best to help.

## TRAINERS WANTED!



If you have any unwanted, good-quality trainers you would be willing to donate to school, we would like to create a small stock to cover learners who may have forgotten them. Ideally we are looking for trainers from a child’s size 11 – adult’s size 6. If you are able to donate please hand them in via the school office at your earliest convenience.



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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January</b>	2.45pm - Year 4 LEARNER Assembly <i>Parents of learners in Year 4 invited to join us. *</i>
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February</b>	PTFA Valentines Disco <i>Details TBC*</i>
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	February Half-Term <i>School Closed</i>
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	World Book Day <i>Details TBC*</i>
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	2.45pm - Year 3 LEARNER Assembly <i>Parents of learners in Year 3 invited to join us. *</i>
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Mother's Day Lunches <i>Mums, Grannies or Aunties invited to join us for lunch. *</i>
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Termly Learning Conferences – Years 3,4,5 and 6. <i>Appointments available from 1.00pm. *</i>
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Termly Learning Conferences – Years N,R,1 and 2. <i>Appointments available from 1.00pm. *</i>
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	Sport Relief <i>Details TBC.</i>
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Easter Holidays <i>School Closed</i>
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>	INSET Days <i>School Closed</i>
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Back to School

*\* Please see individual letters for more information regarding the events listed.*

### COULD YOUR CHILD BENEFIT FROM ADDITIONAL SUPPORT?

You may be entitled to receive the Pupil Premium grant which not only covers the cost of school meals and trips if you are in receipt of certain benefits, but also provides vital additional funds to support your child in school. Please ask at the school office or access the website below for more information on eligibility and to make use of this valuable resource for your child!

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/educationalawardsbenefits/FreeSchoolMeals/home.aspx>