

Dear Parents

Another week has passed and this week saw visits from the music teacher and QPR football club. I am always amazed when I walk around the building at how purposeful the learning is and how engaged and focussed your children are. However, attendance is still causing big problems and a day has not gone by this week whereby we have had full classes. I understand fully that there are some really nasty bugs going around - I too have been struck down – but each day your child misses think about how much learning they are missing. Please endeavour to bring your children in, on time, each and every day. Together let's really try and get those attendance figures up. I will be setting up meetings with parents whose children have less than 90% attendance and this may lead to a visit from the Educational Welfare Officer.

On a lighter note we are going to be setting up parent workshops and coffee mornings on Wednesday's each fortnight after half term. During these sessions you will be able to find out about our learning programmes and socialise with other parents from other year groups. The first session will take place at 8.30am on Wednesday 22nd February 2017. I will remind you of this nearer the date. The dates for the next parent/ teacher meetings are also posted in this edition of the newsletter for your diaries. Again letters regarding appointments will be sent out nearer the date.

I hope you all have a great weekend and I will see you bright and early on Monday morning.

Lisa Crispin Principal

Potter 93%

Blake **92%**

Attendance

Dahl 87%

Donaldson 87%

Pullman 77%



Key Dates

Thursday 23rd February 2017

8:30-5:30pm Nursery Parent

Nursery Parent / Teacher Meetings

Thursday 16th March 2017

8:30-5:30pm

Reception & Year 1 Parent / Teacher Meetings



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Nursery

Potter class has been learning loads about fairy tales, kings and magic fairies. We have been building castles with blocks and colouring beautiful characters from familiar tales.

We have been acting out 'Goldilocks and The Three Little Bears' and we have created our own story map. We have been talking about our main characters from the story and sequencing the story in partners.

We are still learning sounds in phonics and we are getting better at writing our names.

Miss Martin & the Nursery team





Potter class exploring the story of Goldilocks and the Three Little Bears

Reception

This week in Reception we started learning our new story, Goldilocks and the Three Bears. As our Hook we made our own yummy breakfast snack in the shape of a bear! We have had lots of fun in Literacy learning to tell the story with actions, creating our own story maps, talking about the roles of different characters and even completing a tricky word search!

In Maths we have been learning about positional language, playing board games that involve moving forwards and backwards and up and down. We have continued to consolidate our learning on shapes, and the different properties they have. In the afternoons, our traditional tale has been Cinderella and we have been decorating beautiful glass slippers, creating crowns and designing our own carriages in the construction area.

Miss Gumn, Miss Purcell & the Reception team

Year 1

This week in Literacy we have been writing our winter poems by using our poem maps. The focus has been on adding adjectives, developing vocabulary and using 'and' to develop our sentences.

In Maths we have continued our work on time. We have been reading o'clock and half past as well as recording where the hands need to go to show these times.

In Topic we have started our study of toys from the past and present. We have talked about toys of our generation, of our parents and grandparents. A big thank you to the parents that have brought in some old toys for us to share and discuss.

Miss Meade, Miss McKenna & the Year 1 team

Contact Details

In order to make it easy for you to share information with the school and get answers to any enquiries you may have please use the details below to get in touch, should you need to:

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Du Cane Road Gate

As many of you are aware the intercom at Du Cane Road isn't working correctly. It is necessary to reach around the gate and press the buzzer from the outside to get the attention of the office staff.



In order to help our children and families arrive safely at school, please be considerate when parking your car so as not to block any part of the pedestrian crossing or school entrance.



Week Beginning 16th January

| Day | Non-Vegetarian | Vegetarian | Side Dishes | Pudding |
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| Monday | Beef chilli con carne with basmati rice and tortilla chips | Red kidney bean chilli with tortilla chips and sour cream | Tortilla chips with sour cream and Mexican salad | Yoghurt |
| Tuesday | Halal chicken sausages with mash and onion gravy | Vegetarian sausages with mash and gravy | Green peas and baby carrots | Eton mess |
| Wednesday | Lamb Hotpot with king Edward potatoes | Quorn chunks and winter veg hot pot with sauté cabbage | Sauté cabbage and green beans | Mixed Fruit salad |
| Thursday | Roast chicken with roast potatoes and gravy | Spring vegetable quiche with Roast Potatoes | Honey roast carrots and peas | Trio of chocolate mousse |
| Friday | Breaded cod with chips and beans | Vegetable nuggets with chips and beans | Chips, baked beans and salad | Jelly pots |

If you wish to take up the vegetarian option on any day, please email Mr Currie at Christopher.currie@burlingtondanes.org.

If not we will assume you are opting for the non-vegetarian option

Every Pupil Matters: Every Lesson Counts