



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER.

It has been another busy half term. Although it has been short, there has been so much we are proud of and the staff and children have continued to work incredibly hard in school.

A highlight for me this half term has been the Year 6 residential. I was lucky enough to be able to organise and attend this visit and it was a joy to be with the children and of course, take part in the activities with them! The children showed great courage, resilience, great humour and positive attitudes throughout and made memories to last a lifetime. The staff from the centre were full of praise for them and commented on what a fantastic group of children they are. A huge thank you to Mrs Wood and Mrs Johnson who also came on the visit. We all loved it and feel very privileged to have seen the children achieve so much.

I hope you enjoy reading some of the highlights from this half term in this letter. We break up on Friday 22nd March for 2 weeks and I hope you all get a chance to enjoy some family time.

Best wishes,

**Mrs Frost**, Head Teacher





# JUNIOR LEADERS



We were proud to welcome Jerry Clay Academy Junior Leaders and our Trust Leader, Mrs Swinburne to school this half term. The junior leaders have set up an amazing relationship of support and of sharing good practise. Our Junior Leaders fed back what we have achieved since our visit to Jerry Clay Academy and our next steps and plans. The Jerry Clay pupils were great to work with and we enjoyed a great afternoon together. This is really seeing the Trust and how it works in action and how working and learning together means everyone gets better. I was so proud and impressed by all of them.







# WORLD BOOK DAY

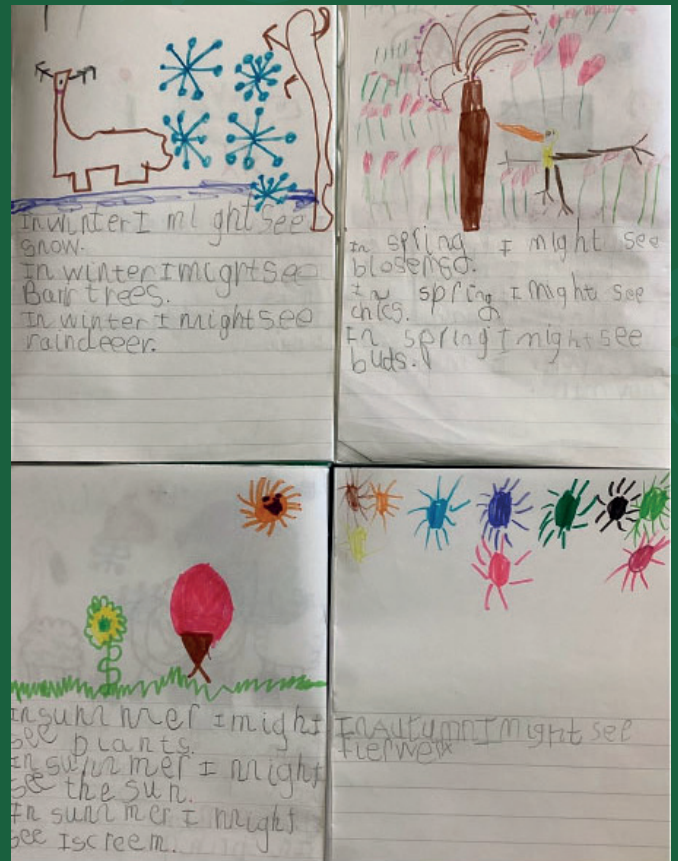
We enjoyed celebrating our love of books during world book day. Children were able to dress as their favourite character if they wished, but we had a competition to make something to go with a favourite books. The children were so creative and we loved seeing their amazing work.





Our children in Early Years continue to impress me every day. Here are some of our children caught reading together in provision. So lovely to see.

Some lovely work during National Science week in Reception. Trying really hard with their independent writing.





# KEY STAGE 1 NEWS



As you know, we have used some of the school fund money raised at Christmas to purchase a half class set of **iPads**. Following our recent inset training day, children have been using the iPads to enhance our curriculum. They have loved them and we hope to raise more money in the future to be able to increase the amount of iPads we have.



# KEY STAGE 1 NEWS



I was very impressed with **Year 1** who have been doing a topic on animals. They did some fantastic homework which showed how much they had found out. Well done, everyone.



# KEY STAGE 1 NEWS



The Trust has put an artist in place in school to work with the staff and children for the rest of the academic year. This is an exciting project and part of our work on developing the Art curriculum in our school. Children have been working on using their sketch books to create mood boards and develop skills. Here are some **Year 2** pupils enjoying their work on Kandinsky using cool and warm colours.





# KEY STAGE 1 NEWS



Children in KS 1 have enjoyed visits this term, with **Year 1** going to Yorkshire Wildlife Park and **Year 2** visiting The Deep.





# KEY STAGE 2 NEWS



We have been so proud of the range of work seen in school this term. **Year 4** children have been impressing me with their super work in Gymnastics this term. They have focussed on the quality of their shapes and creativity in the use of the equipment. Well done.



They have also been enjoying their Science topic and finding out about the digestive system.

# KEY STAGE 2 NEWS



**Year 3** have enjoyed a Scavenger Hunt and using large grids to work on their coordinates skills.



## Hockey Competition

Well done to our year 4 and 5 children who took part in a hockey competition this term and congratulations to Jerry Clay Academy who were the overall winners. We were so proud of the children and at the end, SGA and JCA decided to work together as 'they are one big team anyway.' Great to see such collaboration in our Trust.

## Reading across school.

Every month, our children work with different classes to read together. It is always so lovely to see children of different ages sharing their love of reading.







# LEAF AWARD AND WELLY TO BELLY

As you know, we have won the Bronze Leaf award due to the work we do to take care of our environment. Here are children from our Welly to Belly team planting the pear tree we were given in recognition of the work we do.

The children are currently preparing the allotment area and getting ready to plant what they are going to be growing in the beds shortly. Very exciting.





# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## APRIL

April 8 **School Opens**

April 17 **Class 4 first swimming lesson at Normanton Swimming Baths.**

## MAY

May 2 **School open but being used as polling station.**  
Wrap around and breakfast club will be held in the hall as the garden room will be used for polling station.  
School open as normal on this day.

May 6 **School Closed Bank Holiday**

May 13 - **Year 6 SATS week**  
May 16

May 24 **School Closes**

## JUNE

June 3 **School Opens**

June 10- **Year 4 Multiplication Check Week**  
June 14

June 24 **Year 1 Phonic Screen Check Week**

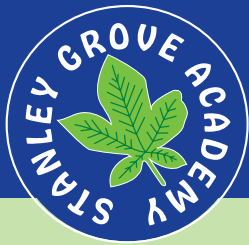
June 24 **KS 1 Sports day. 09.00 - 10.30am**

June 25 **KS 2 Sports day. 09.00 - 10.30am**

June 25 **Reception Sports day. 1.00pm**

June 27 **Nursery Sports day. 9.00am & 1.00pm**





# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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## JULY

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July 2      **Summer Reports out to parents and carers**

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July 4      **School Transition Morning.**  
Children will spend time in their next classroom.  
Please go to normal classroom for register.

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July 4      **Year 6 Performance. 6.00pm**

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July 9      **Open Morning**  
Children to stay with grown ups during the visits to classrooms.  
Bell will be rung to indicate start of school at 8.30.  
Repeated at 2:45 to 5:30.

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July 11      **Year 6 overnight camping event**

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July 18      **Year 6 leavers assembly**  
09:00 - 10:30. This assembly is for our year 6 children.  
It does last for 1.5 hours as we say bye to our wonderful pupils.

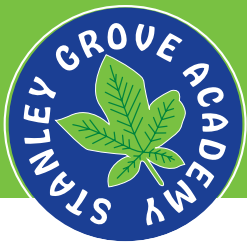
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July 19      **School Closes at normal times**

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July 22      **Inset Day**

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# ATTENDANCE

## SCHOOL TARGET



100-95%  
GOOD



94-85%  
WORRYING



Below 85%  
SERIOUS  
CONCERN



## YEAR GROUP

## CURRENT

## AVERAGE THIS YEAR

**NURSERY YEAR 1**

**100%**

**91.6%**

**NURSERY YEAR 2**

**95.5%**

**91.4%**

**RECEPTION**

**96.6%**

**95.2%**

**YEAR 1**

**92.9%**

**98.7%**

**YEAR 2**

**100%**

**95.9%**

**YEAR 3**

**93.5%**

**95.5%**

**YEAR 4**

**93.1%**

**96.5%**

**YEAR 5**

**93.3%**

**95.2%**

**YEAR 6**

**93.3%**

**93.9%**

Children who are lower than 90% are classed as persistently absent from school and are monitored by school and our education welfare officer every week.

We are sending home letters to children with less than 90% attendance this week, so parents are aware of this monitoring and the need to improve on their education.