

RL Roundup

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached half term and what a great half term it has been. You can see from our news-letter this week that there have been lots of exciting opportunities taking place that have helped the children develop their understanding and knowledge further in lots of different subjects.

This term we have focused on punctuality and I would like to thank families for their efforts in making sure children arrive at school on time. As a reminder our doors open at 8.40am. The doors are locked and registration will take place at 8.50am. Therefore children should be in school and seated in their classes by this time at the latest. As we have had half a term focusing on this and ensuring all parents have had chance to make adaptations to their routines in order to arrive on time we will now be further developing our routines in school. As part of our safeguarding procedures, after half term **we will start to lock the gates around school at 8.50.** Therefore, **if families arrive after this time they will need to leave and enter by the main pedestrian entrances** on Red Lane. Punctuality is vitally important as 10 minutes lateness each day adds up to 50 minutes of lost learning per week and this greatly affects your child's progress. Thank you for your continued efforts and support with this.

You will be aware our school council are working hard to raise money for new bike racks in school. You can support by bringing shop bought cakes into school on Monday 27th February which will then be sold at our bake sale. Next half term we will be welcoming you into school for our online safety workshops, knowledge days and of course Easter Bingo! I look forward to seeing you all at these events.

Mrs Driver

Head of School



KEY DATES

School closes for February
Half Term on 17th February

Thursday 2nd March
World Book Day

Thursday 16th March 5M
class assembly @ 9am

Thursday 30th March 5B
class assembly @ 9am

Thursday 27th April RecM
class assembly @ 3pm

Year 4 welcomes you to Deva Victrix... Home of Legio XX!



On Tuesday 14th February, Year 4 visited Chester's Deva Roman Experience as part of their History topic on the Romans. Whilst there, the children were 'transported' back in time over 1900 years to Roman Chester, to explore life in the legionary fortress of Deva Victrix.

The children learnt about Roman arms and armour, including the famous gladius (short sword) and pilum (spear). Following on from this, they were trained by a centurion within Chester's Roman Gardens, where they successfully joined the 20th Legion... for the day! They practiced marching, and the famous Roman shield formation known as 'the tortoise'.



Within the museum, they saw the remains of a Roman hospital building and learnt about the brutal and gory lives of gladiators. They also touched upon more civilised past times such as bath houses and of course, Roman toilets! The children had a fantastic time and thoroughly enjoyed their time within the Imperial Roman Army!



Eco Councils Eco Tip:

'Save water and money- turn off the taps
when you are brushing your teeth!'

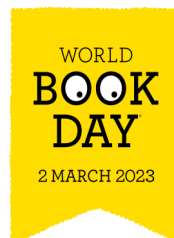


Meet the staff



Hello, I'm Mr Hudson and although I am not new to school, I have a new and exciting role at Red Lane. Having taught in Year 3 for the autumn term and spent much of my previous time here in Year 6, my current position is as Head of Inclusion.

This is a new role to me and to Red Lane. Over the past 5 years, we have been developing an Inclusion Team, made up of experienced staff with expertise in a range of areas. The team includes our school SENCOs, our safeguarding officers, our attendance officer and myself. We work together to ensure that school and staff can meet the needs of all our children, giving them the chance to thrive. Through our work, we are able to signpost children, families, parents and carers to different forms of support: whether the needs are linked to learning, behaviour, attendance and punctuality or safeguarding, we are able to provide support. Throughout the year, we will host coffee mornings and other events that parents are encouraged to attend. These will provide you with the opportunity to discuss any concerns you have and hear about the various things on offer to support our pupils. If you need any help in the meantime, please contact the team through the office or via your child's class teacher.



One of the biggest events in the school year is approaching... World Book Day is on Thursday 2nd March 2023! As always we can't wait to celebrate and invite the children to dress up as their favourite characters from their favourite books whilst enjoying a fun, activity filled day. More information to follow...

[The book fair will be in school 8th March - 15th March]

Attendance and punctuality are enormously important elements of school life: previous years, when schools have had to be closed due to government directives, have seen pupils miss large chunks of their education. Returning to normality has been hard for many families and children and that is why we have recognised attendance as a key school priority.

This year, we have increased the length of our school day, to enhance the learning time and opportunities for our children: the doors open daily at 8:40am and registration takes place at 8:50am. The start of the day is a vital time to welcome our children into school, review previous learning and get them ready for the day ahead. We found these earlier opening times, used to avoid crowding over the past couple of years, brought a calmer start to the school day.

Having reviewed attendance data for the same period of time last year, we are delighted to report that our overall attendance has improved. Our aim is to reach the 96% expectation set nationally, and whilst we are not yet at that point, we are delighted that attendance is improving.

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts...



Some of the children in 4B have been attending Forest School at Hedgehogs Woodland Adventure as part of our enrichment program. The children are loving the sessions which focus on resilience, perseverance and making responsible decisions about keeping safe. We have been building dens, lighting fires playing hide and seek, building bird boxes and completing challenges and there's still so much left to do! We haven't even done the archery axe throwing or zip wire yet and we can't wait!!



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