



# Newsletter

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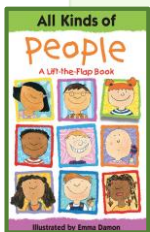
Dear Parents/ Carers and families,

We are thrilled to welcome you all back to school for our final half term of the academic year. As always, we have lots of wonderful events and experiences planned for the children and, wherever possible, we try to ensure that families can get involved as well, as we know that children learn best when we all work together.

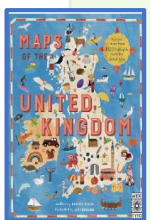


## Our World and Beyond

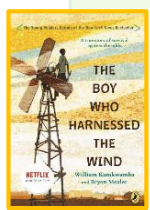
This term's global theme is, 'Our World and Beyond' which fits nicely, as our children start to think about their transitions into their new classes for next year and our Year Sixes begin to look outside of our William Rhodes family.



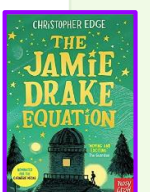
Our EYFS children will be learning about our Wonderful World and how important it is that we respect it. They will also be thinking about how people can come from different countries around the world and looking at photographs.



In Key Stage One, our children will be studying the geography of the British Isles and learning all about the countries that make up the United Kingdom. Their big question is: What are the unique features of the United Kingdom?



In Lower Key Stage Two, our children are becoming scientists and will be learning about how forces work within our world and beyond. Their big question is: What do we mean by a force?



Upper Key Stage Two children will be studying a science topic all about Space and will be answering the big question: What is beyond our Earth?

## Attendance

As you all know, it is so important that children attend school regularly, for all areas of their development. We are so proud of the way that you, as a community, have supported us to achieve our attendance targets.

In the last couple of weeks of term, our attendance dipped below national after we were absolutely blowing it out of the park at the start.

94.0% 95.4% 96.4% 96.9% 92.0% 96.0% 93.8% 95.1% 93.8%

Please help us to continue to be above national and at our 96% target by ensuring that your children are in school every day and on time unless they are unwell and cannot be in school.

A huge thank you to all of the families who have worked with us to improve attendance: from ensuring that their children are in, discussing any barriers early on and attending meetings – we appreciate your support.

We know that it is the time of year for the holiday fever, however, I must remind you that I am only able to authorise absence in exceptional circumstances which do not include family holidays.

Images below: Children enjoying their treats for our whole school attendance being above 96%.

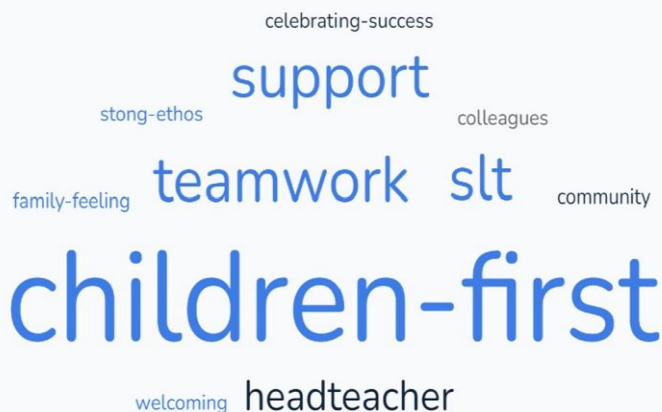


# Surveys

I am sure that lots of you will remember the Parent Survey that was sent out to you all a while ago... we were thrilled with the response rate as well as the lovely comments we received. However, as you know, we are always striving to improve and as a result of your feedback, some changes have been made.

<i>You said,</i>	<i>we did:</i>
<i>You would like more information about what your children are learning about in class..</i>	<i>this information has been included in all newsletters, a cover sheet will go out with reports and Pupil Parliament have established a Curriculum committee, who plan to share the children's learning regularly through videos.</i>
<i>A full day nursery provision would be more helpful..</i>	<i>this is planned to be introduced in September, keep an eye out for a flyer.</i>
<i>You asked for more fun events... and more notice...</i>	<i>there are key events planned for the Summer term – we would love you to join our family Bingo and quiz evening. We are trying to release dates further in advance so that families can join us.</i>
<i>You commented on the state of the school..</i>	<i>we have huge refurbishment plans, which will be taking place over the school holidays and a rolling programme of decorating. We want to make our school a place that the whole community can be proud of!</i>
<i>You felt that bullying could be dealt with better...</i>	<i>we have been working with children on the meaning of bullying and what they can do, as well as what they should expect adults to do about it. We have a new, robust system in place which I will share on a later newsletter, however, a visitor in school recently chatted with a pupil voice group who told him that they feel happy and safe in school and that if bullying happens it is dealt with well.</i>

As you know, we are part of a wider family of schools within the EMBARK Federation and the Trust are also conducting a Parent Survey. Please look out for this on Parent Hub later this week. It would be wonderful if you could take the time to complete it and share your views.



Our Trust (Embark) also asked staff to complete a survey: the words in the word cloud were the things staff at our school said that they appreciate about our school.

There is nothing that could make me more proud as a Head Teacher than seeing that the staff feel that in our school, the children come first- I wanted to share this with you.

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter, I am so proud of our school community and everyone in it. As always, if you have any questions, please ask, our doors are always open.

Mrs Wilkes