

### Miss Cartwright's Weekly Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to everyone after, what I hope was, a relaxing half term. We have had a really busy week with parents evening and lots of fun and exciting things happening in class. Thank you to the parents who were able to make parents evening, or have made alternative arrangements, it is always a positive experience to share and celebrate what fabulous work our children do here.

Early Years have started their new writing unit. They have been learning the journey story of the Snail and the Whale. The children have learned the story using story maps and actions. Further into the unit they will explore different openings and endings. They have also been doing some work on visual discrimination by looking at snails and slugs to see the differences and similarities. They will also do this for sharks and whales!

We have had some exciting work in RE in Year 1 exploring worship in the Christian and Islam faiths. The children have been learning about the special places and buildings people of these faiths worship and who they are led. They then looked at the similarities and differences between these. In maths Year 1 have been exploring numbers to 100! That's a lot of numbers, well done Year 1!

Year 2 have been creating their own digital music in computing. This was a really exciting lesson where the classroom was filled with the sounds of all the children's musical creations. I know year 2 absolutely loved this lesson in particular. Year 2 have also taken on the challenge of fractions in maths. Fractions are always very tricky and the whole class did really well with their work.

Year 3 have started their unit on magnets in science. They experimented with North and South as well as exploring what repelling and attracting is in relation to magnets. In RE the children learned what diversity meant. This included discussing and listing different values then ranking them depending on what they think is the most and least important, giving reasons for the order. A really complicated thing to do, well done Year 3!

Year 4 have started their new unit of Living Things and Their Habitats. The children have been classifying living things by exploring their characteristics. They have completed their maths unit of shape where they explored quadrilaterals and polygons. Many children have been telling me all about their writing work linked with Ancient Greek mythology and I know they are really proud of their work so far.

Year 5 are currently reading Kensuke's Kingdom, a book by Michael Morpurgo. As part of their work, they have explored the author himself. The children could tell me all about the different books he has written as well as the fact that he's written around 100 books! They have learned about who he was as an individual, a charity worker, a member of the armed forces and a family man. In Forest Schools the children used whittling to create a pencil and then applied charcoal to make it into a writing implement.

Year 6 have been using microbits in computing. This is their first lesson and they have explored how they work and what they are. Jessie and Mollie showed me how they have recorded and played back noises, created light sequences that have made happy and sad faces as well as making shapes, like a heart. Next week they will plug them into a laptop and let's see what they can achieve! They are looking forward to their upcoming visit to Dallowgill on Monday. They were absolutely superstars when they visited and I know they will have a very positive visit and come back with amazing experiences.

#### Phonics Screening Check

Next week, our Year 1s will be competing their Phonics Screening Check. This is a really important time for the Year 1s so please ensure that children are in school every day so we can give them the best chance of a successful week. Year 1 will continue with their usual learning around the checks to make the week as 'normal' as possible. Please speak with Miss Roberts if you have any further questions about this.

#### Eco Rangers



We have started our project! The Eco Rangers have planted an orchard and the fruit trees are thriving in their new homes. We have also left the area to grow wild to encourage long grasses and native plants which the bees, butterflies and birds are very much enjoying. We hope to make links with the local nursing home where the children to speak to the residents who, I know, love talking about their own experience of growing



fruit, vegetables and enjoying the flowers in the garden. The children have so many plans and I cannot wait to see these come alive.

#### Community Careers Links- We Need You

On Monday we will be sending an electronic letter explaining how you can help us. We are looking for parents/ carers or family friends within the community to support us aspiring the children with careers. We have already explored the children's talents and interests and we now want to extend this to how these talents and interests can influence their future positively. We really hope you can put your name down on it, or ask for more information. It would be lovely to build those links further.

#### Safeguarding

We have a number of children with allergies in school. This includes a severe nut allergy to nuts, including coconut. We are already a nut free school and there should be no nut products within the school building, for staff or children. However, we have seen a number of food items containing nuts in packed lunches and for snacks. **We absolutely cannot allow any nut products in school** so we please ask that the following are not brought into school for snacks, or packed lunches. For example

- Peanut butter sandwiches
- Nutella sandwiches
- Some cereal bars (many contain nuts so please refer to the ingredients)
- Some granola bars (many contain nuts so please refer to the ingredients)
- Cakes that contain nuts
- Biscuits / Cookies that contain nuts
- Peanut butter cakes
- Some Asian food, including satay
- Sauces that contain nuts

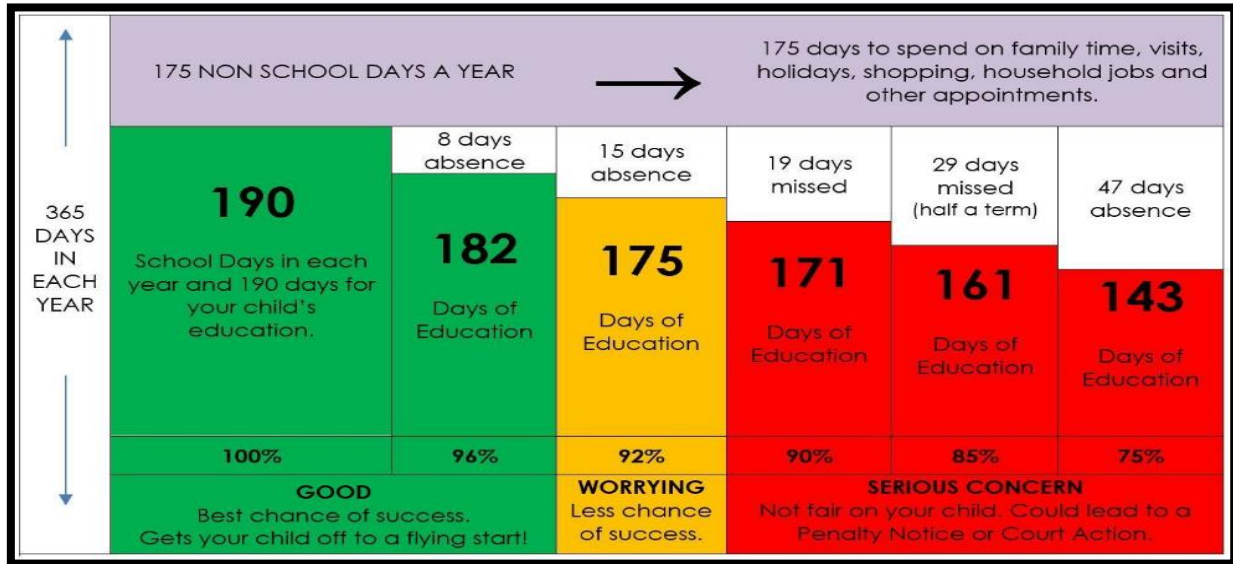


This is not an exhaustive list.

Any food items that do contain nuts cannot be eaten and we will have to remove these from children. If they are in a wrapper, we can return to the children to take home and enjoy. We will always seek to provide an alternative if this is the case. **We appreciate this can be an inconvenience for some however it is essential for the safety of our children. Thank you for your continued support.**

I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Miss S Cartwright



PUPIL OF THE WEEK	
CATERPILLARS	Mia H and Aaryav S
BUTTERFLIES	Freya R
PANDAS	Blake R
TIGERS	Curtis G
GAZELLES	Isaac K
ELEPHANTS	Poppie R
PENGUINS	Amber O
SNOW LEOPARDS	Maddie C

Attendance	
CATERPILLARS	95.5%
BUTTERFLIES	91.4%
PANDAS	87.1%
TIGERS	95.8%
GAZELLES	94.6%
ELEPHANTS	86%
PENGUINS	97.9%
SNOW LEOPARDS	92.6%

HOUSE POINTS			
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Key dates for your diary</u></b></p> <p><b>SCHOOL EVENTS SUMMER TERM:</b> Sports Day 09.07.24 World Music Day 21.06.24 26.06.2 Year 3 Ancient Egyptian Day</p> <p><b>PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT SUMMER TERM:</b> SEND Surgery- every Monday Sports Day 9<sup>th</sup> July. More information about times for year groups and plans for the day will be sent out. Summer Fair 12.07.24 End of year reports 12.07.24</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Twitter</u></b> Please follow us on our twitter feed: <a href="https://twitter.com/Vale_Primary">@Vale_Primary</a></p>
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