

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you to all those who were able to join us for our Routes to Resilience open session this week. It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers actively engaged in the activities and working on the character muscles with your children. I was very impressed with your creativity and perseverance when creating wooden structures!

### Class Assemblies

Violet Class led a brilliant assembly today. The children shared with us information about the artist Paul Cezanne and showed us their creations inspired by his artwork. Class assemblies will start promptly at 9:20 and may last around 30 minutes. Unfortunately photographs and video recordings will not be permitted during the assembly but there will be an opportunity for this at the end of the assembly.

Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Blue Class
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Rainbow 1
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Rainbow 2
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Rainbow 3

### Phonics Open Sessions

We would like to invite you to attend a Phonics open session on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February. (Reception and KS1 – 9:10 – 9:30) This will be an opportunity for you to see how our Phonics sessions work and gain an understanding of the strategies we use to support children develop their skills in Phonics.

### NSPCC Number Day

Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring about a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards it. We are having a fun day of maths activities on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February and we will be taking part in Dress up for Digits. Pupils are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a onesie!). Or get even more creative by dressing in a maths or numbers theme, for example, a repeating pattern, dominoes, spots. Overdale Junior School will also be taking part.

For more information [click here](#)



#### Action required

- Parents evening booking will go live on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 4pm**. Parents will receive the booking link via email from the school website. Parents evenings will then take place on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February.
- Reception Bear Hunt Trip – Payment and Consent needed by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March – This will need to be completed using ParentPay.

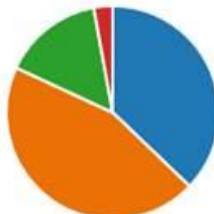
## Communication

Thank you to all those who completed the communication survey. Overall, the survey was very positive with some useful ideas about what we can do to further improve communication. Please find below the responses to some of the questions.

2. How satisfied are you with the frequency of communication from the school?

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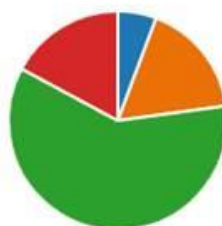
Very satisfied	39
Somewhat satisfied	47
Somewhat dissatisfied	16
Very dissatisfied	3



3. The communication between school and home is sufficient.

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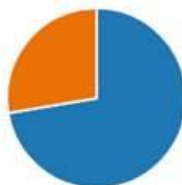
Strongly disagree	6
Disagree	18
Agree	63
Strongly agree	18



5. We are considering streamlining our communication platforms and using Class Dojo instead of Evidence Me to share photos of children and their work. This could mean less individual photos of children and more class/group photos with information of what the class are doing shared more frequently. Would you be in favour of this change?

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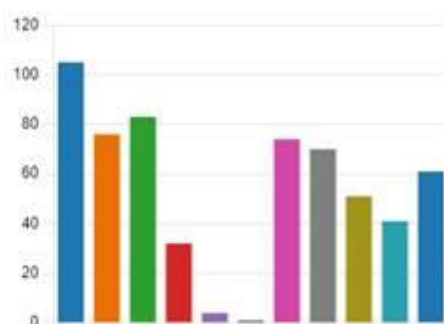
Yes	76
No	29



4. Which ways of communicating are you aware the school uses?

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Class Dojo	105
ParentPay	76
Email	83
Facebook	32
X (Twitter)	4
Instagram	1
Evidence Me	74
Weekly update to parents	70
Weekly curriculum information t...	51
School website	41
Letters in bookbags	61



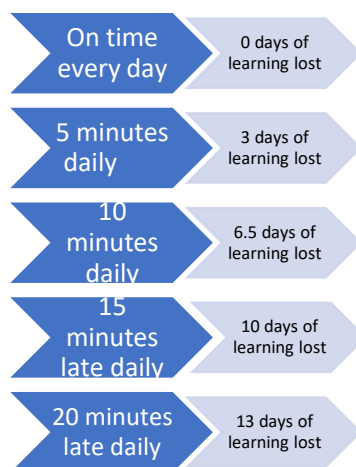
Based on the feedback from the survey we have made the following changes:

- Streamlining communication – Class Dojo will be our main method of communication and we will share photos on whole school and class stories instead of Evidence Me. For important messages such as school closures, or long-term staff absence we will send an email as well so this information is not missed.
- Weekly Updates – We will continue to be sent out at the end of the week. The update will be a round up of information shared throughout the week. There will be direct links to the website for more information. An action required feature has been added to the weekly updates to highlight any tasks parents need to complete.
- Class Dojo – Teaching staff will be sharing at least two posts with parents and carers each week. This will provide further insight into school life and will be helpful in initiating conversations with children about what they have been learning in school.
- Social Media – We will no longer be sharing Fantastic Friday posts on social media for each year group. We may share a Fantastic Friday post as a roundup of the week and will share photos of events and celebrate moments of school life as and when they occur.
- Letters in bookbags will be reduced as much as possible, if for some reason we do need to send a letter in book bags we will share a reminder to check book bags on Class Dojo.

We recognise there is further work to do on communication across the two schools and we are working closely with the Junior School on this to ensure that events are aligned as much as possible and events that are different are not booked on the same day.

## Reminders

- School starts at 8:50am, children should be on the playground before the bell rings. Staff will close the gates from 8:55am and families will need to report to Reception. A reason for lateness will need to be given and in incidents of persistent lateness you may be contacted by Mr Lang our Family Support Worker. Children who are late in the morning can become very upset and distressed and this has can impact on their behaviour and progress.



Take Care,  
Mrs Holmes

## Dates for your diary

Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Routes to Resilience Parent Open session – 9:15am
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Online Safety Meeting for parents 2:30pm
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Parents Evening booking goes live to parents at <b>4pm</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Phonics Open Sessions for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 9:10 – 9:30
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	NSPCC Number Day
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Pancake Day themed school dinner menu - <a href="#">Click here for menu</a>
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Evenings
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Coffee Morning for parents and carers End of term
Half Term	
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Blue Class and Indigo Class Spring Assembly
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Violet Class and Green Class Spring Assembly
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Rainbow 1 Bear Hunt Trip
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Rainbow 3 Bear Hunt Trip
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	Rainbow 2 Bear Hunt Trip

**New date added**