



## Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of the Autumn term and we have been reflecting on the many positive elements of the term. We are pleased with the progress the children are making and can see the positive impact already of our new phonics scheme Rocket Phonics. Reading at home has increased significantly and the children are enjoying talking about reading at school. Our calculations policy has been fully implemented across the school which means our approach to solving maths calculations is consistent across both our school and our Trust. This is evident in all children's books. We have worked hard on improving our communication with parents and are pleased with the positive comments we have received around the weekly curriculum information; I hope this continues to be useful. We know that there is more we can do to improve communication and we will be looking at making further improvements in the Spring term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for their hard work during this very challenging term.

I hope you have an enjoyable Christmas break and I look forward to seeing you in 2023

Take Care,  
Mrs Holmes

## Ofsted Action Plan

Thank you to all those parents who attended our feedback meeting around the Ofsted inspection. We have been working hard on the areas of improvement and will continue to do so in the spring term. Please find below a brief action plan with the areas we have been working on recently.

Area for improvement	Action	Progress to date
Curriculum	All subjects to be clearly sequenced	R.E, Art, Maths, Geography and DT complete
Phonics	Address inconsistencies in teaching.	Phonics training. Structure created for all classes. Phonics screening check for all children in KS1.
SEND	Ensure all children with SEND have access to the curriculum through scaffold and additional resources.	Training for all teachers. Information on the use of scaffolds to support children shared with all staff.



## School Council

Our school council members in Year 2 have been appointed. The children will be working with Miss Quick and Mrs Giga and will be thinking of ways to improve our school.

Red – Frank and Alveena

Yellow – Hamza and Lottie

Gold – Arya and Ahmed

Orange – Gabrielle and Neslihan

## St Marys Tree Festival

This year we participated in the Christmas tree festival at St Mary’s Church. The theme for our tree was ‘Lighting our hearts at Christmas’. This links to our school mission statement ‘Lighting the hearts and minds of our community’ and the tree featured beautiful decorations from all year groups and included the firefly from our school logo. We were pleased to be able to participate in this community event and many of our families enjoyed visiting the Church to see our tree and the other trees that were part of the festival.



## Dates for your diary

Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	School closes
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Reading open sessions begin – every Wednesday at 2:50pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Indigo Class Assembly – 9:30pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Routes to Resilience Parent Open session – 9:30pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Blue Class Assembly – 9:30pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Green Class Assembly – 9:30pm
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Violet Class Assembly – 9:30pm
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	NSPCC Number Day
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	R1 Class Assembly
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Evening
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	End of term

### Half term Highlights

We asked KS1 children what they have enjoyed this half term!

“Writing about the snowman story”

“Solving missing number calculations”

“Learning about different habitats in Science”

“Measuring things in the classroom”

“Writing about ‘The girl who stole the stars’”

“My homework – taking photos of physical and human features”

“Learning about History and Remembrance Day”

Respect

Resilience

Responsibility

## Safeguarding Information

### Domestic Violence and abuse

#### Domestic violence or abuse can happen to anyone.

Domestic violence, also called domestic abuse, includes physical, emotional and sexual abuse in couple relationships or between family members.

Domestic violence can happen against anyone, and anybody can be an abuser.

You do not have to wait for an emergency situation to find help. If domestic abuse is happening to you, it's important to tell someone and remember you're not alone.

- women can call [The Freephone National Domestic Abuse Helpline, run by Refuge](#) on [0808 2000 247](#) for free at any time, day or night. The staff will offer confidential, non-judgemental information and support
- talk to a doctor, health visitor or midwife
- men can call Men's Advice Line on [0808 8010 327](#) (Monday to Friday 9am to 8pm), or visit the webchat at [Men's Advice Line](#) (Wednesday to Friday 10am to 11am and 3pm to 4pm) for non-judgemental information and support
- men can also call [ManKind](#) on [0182 3334 244](#) (Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm)
- If you identify as LGBT+ you can call [Galop](#) on [0800 999 5428](#) for emotional and practical support
- anyone can call [Karma Nirvana](#) on [0800 5999 247](#) (Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm) for forced marriage and honour crimes. You can also call [020 7008 0151](#) to speak to the GOV.UK [Forced Marriage Unit](#)
- in an emergency, call 999

You can also email for support. It is important that you specify when and if it is safe to respond and to which email address:

- women can email [helpline@womensaid.org.uk](mailto:helpline@womensaid.org.uk). Staff will respond to your email within 5 working days
- men can email [info@mensadvice.org.uk](mailto:info@mensadvice.org.uk)
- LGBT+ people can email [help@galop.org.uk](mailto:help@galop.org.uk)

You can also contact school for support by contacting:

[support@overdale-inf.leicester.sch.uk](mailto:support@overdale-inf.leicester.sch.uk)

This email address is monitored by Mrs Holmes and Mrs Coplin.