



NEWS & VIEWS

Kindness, Honesty, Confidence, Perseverance, Safety

Headteacher: Miss V Townsend



Headteacher's Comment:

This week I had the pleasure of showing Ms Nash and Ms White from the Trust around our school. Opportunities like this always make me feel incredibly proud. When visitors see our school in action – our calm environment, our hardworking staff and, most importantly, our wonderful children – it really highlights what a special community we have. The feedback they shared with us was extremely positive. They commented that we should all feel very proud of everything that has been achieved here, and particularly proud of our lovely children. They were very impressed with the pupils they met and spoke to, commenting on how polite, confident and welcoming they were. It was a real pleasure for them to meet the children, and they said the children should be very proud of themselves. Moments like this really do remind me how fortunate we are to have such a fantastic school community.

This week we also spent time celebrating attendance, recognising children who have achieved 100% attendance as well as those who have improved their attendance over time. Regular attendance is so important as it helps children to build routines, develop friendships and make the most of their learning opportunities in school. Our celebration included an Attendance Afternoon Tea, which was certainly a lively and enjoyable way to recognise the children's efforts, and it was lovely to see their excitement and pride. Alongside this, we celebrate attendance in a variety of other ways across the school. Our weekly attendance tombola and the sharing of weekly attendance figures are regular opportunities to recognise and encourage children for coming to school consistently. These are just some of the ways we celebrate attendance and continue to promote the importance of children being in school and ready to learn each day.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the recent parent assembly. It was lovely to see so many of you there sharing in the children's learning. A huge thank you to Ms Cilia and Mrs Milligan for organising this. Most importantly, a very big well done to the children who confidently showcased what they have been learning so far. It was particularly lovely to see how much the children in Year 2 have grown in confidence. Opportunities like this really help children to develop pride in their work and belief in themselves.

This week we also celebrated the long-awaited World Book Day. Thank you to Mrs Stander and Miss Fairchild for organising such a fantastic day. The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed the activities that took place across the school. It was wonderful to see so many creative costumes celebrating characters from books. Some children even wrote their own books or created stories about themselves, which was fantastic to see. Activities like these help to nurture a love of reading, creativity and imagination, while reminding us how powerful books can be in inspiring children. Our PTA also ran a book sale, selling pre-loved books and raising over £170. The event was lively and very well supported. We were also pleased to invite Hopscotch Nursery to join the sale, which added to the lovely community feel of the event. A huge thank you to our PTA for their continued commitment and support in helping to create opportunities like this for our children.

Today some of our children also took part in a basketball tournament at St Martin's School. Events like this give children the opportunity to develop teamwork, resilience and sportsmanship, while representing their school with pride. Thank you to Mrs Whannell for supporting the children and to the team at St Martin's for hosting the event. As always, thank you to our parents for helping to make opportunities like this possible so that our children can take part in events beyond the school day.

I would also like to share the news that Ms Stocks will be leaving us next Friday. After more than eight years of commitment and dedication to the school, she has decided to move on to a new career opportunity. We are naturally very sad to see her go, as she has been a valued member of our school community for many years. I know you will join me in wishing her every success and happiness in her new role.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Together we continue to build a school community where our children feel safe, happy and inspired to learn each day. I hope you all have a lovely weekend



Diary Dates

Tuesday 10 March – One Plan Meetings

Wednesday 11 March – Year 1 class assembly

Friday 13 March – PTA special person sale

Wednesday 18 March – Voice in a Million

Thursday 19 March – Parent meeting with Mr Duff

Friday 20 March – Year 1 start Forest School

Friday 27 March – Non-uniform day & PTA Easter disco

Monday 30 March – Friday 10 April – Easter holidays

Thursday 16 April – Reception Family Feast

Thursday 16 April – Inter-Trust football tournament



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Weekly Attendance

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Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Attendance	100%	100%	100%	97%	91.4%	91.1%	97.7%	96.3%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Reception, Year 1 & 2	Year 6	Year 3



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 1 September

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Attendance	98.3%	96.1%	98.3%	94.9%	89.3%	92.7%	95.6%	94.7%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Reception & Year 2	Year 1	Year 6



Stars of the week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Stanley	Santino	Adam	Isla H	Oliver	Louie	Zach



Miss Townsend's Headteachers Award

Well done to Albie in Reception for demonstrating great confidence and kindness, well done!

Keep up the good work!



Important reminders

Please make sure the children are wearing the correct uniform, the website outlines what the children should be wearing: [Uniform - Kelvedon Hatch Community Primary School](#). Children should all be wearing black shoes, **NO TRAINERS OR BOOTS**. Please remember we do not allow jewellery in school except a watch from Year 3 onwards. Long hair (below shoulder-length) must be tied back at all times; mid-length hair should be held back from the face so as not to obscure children's vision while working at desks. Thank you



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Reading at Home

Class	This table shows the number of children and percentages of children that have read this week.						Percentage reading 4 times or more
	Number of times children have read this week						
	0	1	2	3	4	5 or more	
Reception	1 (10%)	1 (10%)	2 (20%)	3 (30%)	1 (10%)	2 (20%)	3 (30%)
Year 1		1 (6%)	2 (12%)	5 (31%)	1 (6%)	6 (37%)	7 (43%)
Year 2				2 (9%)	3 (13%)	18 (78%)	21 (92%)
Year 3	6 (26%)	1 (4%)	1 (4%)		6 (26%)	9 (40%)	15 (66%)
Year 4	1 (4%)	1 (4%)		2 (7%)	7 (27%)	15 (58%)	22 (85%)
Year 5	1 (5%)			1 (5%)	2 (11%)	15 (79%)	17 (90%)
Year 6	2 (7%)		1 (3.5%)		14 (48%)	12 (41.5%)	26 (89.5%)

Well done to Year 2, where 92% of their pupils read four times or more this week.



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Be a superhero

and come to school every day!

If you miss school, you miss out.

HERO



Here, every day, ready and on time



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