



Matthew Arnold Primary School

Developing True Potential

Newsletter February 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

I cannot believe how the year has flown and that we are already in the middle of February. It has been a very busy six weeks full of great learning. There is so much going on in the next half of the year, including residentials, assemblies and Easter activities.

We hope you have a lovely half term break and look forward to seeing you back at school on Tuesday 25th February.

Mrs L Evans



Anthony Walker Foundation

This half term we enjoyed a session with the Anthony Walker Foundation, who came to tell us Anthony's story. We discussed what is meant by prejudice, discrimination and racism. We learned that it is so important to celebrate and respect what makes us all different.

In school we focus on being 'Ready, Respectful, Safe'. These are key themes which run through our curriculum and assemblies.



Parental Concerns

We would like to work with everyone to ensure that good, positive communication takes place between all members of the school community. The school work to maintain an 'open door' policy and aim to be approachable. We constantly want to improve as a school and feedback is a very important way of achieving this aim.

Any concerns should be raised with the appropriate member of staff - usually the class teacher. In most cases by speaking to the school concerns are alleviated or can be addressed. If you feel that the Class teacher has not adequately addressed your concern, or, if for whatever reason, you do not think it appropriate to discuss your concern with the class teacher, you can make an appointment to meet with the Deputy Headteacher or Headteacher.

Whilst we understand that you may wish to discuss issues with family and friends we would ask that you do so privately. Complaints aired in the playground or on social media can foster a negative atmosphere and we want our school to be a positive place for our children to be.

We expect the majority of concerns will be resolved in this way (and not recorded as a formal complaint). However, if you still feel your concern has not been adequately addressed you should refer to the Complaint Policy on the school website.

Ready, Respectful, Safe

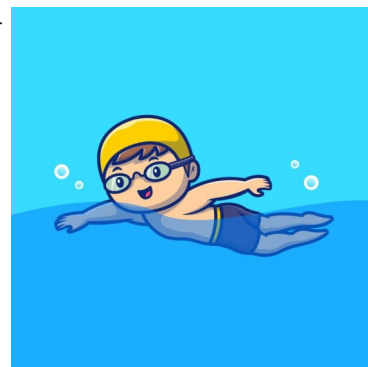
Just to remind you that swimming is a **compulsory** part of the curriculum. It is a legal requirement that we teach it and we have to report to Governors and the DFE about this. The curriculum states:

- By the end of primary school, all children should be able to swim 25 metres unaided and use a range of strokes effectively.
- They should also be taught about water safety

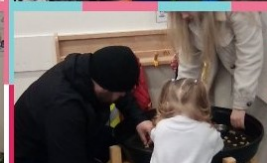
Water safety is a vital life skill, which is why it is a mandatory part of the curriculum for PE at primary school.

No child can be excused from this and children **MUST** bring a swimming kit to attend every week. We have had quite a few children who repeatedly do not bring a kit. Please can you ensure that they have one every week from now on.

We understand that some children may have not been swimming before, or may be worried about it. We will always support children who are reluctant swimmers and make reasonable adaptations to ensure they can access the lesson.



A highlight of the term is always our 'Stay and Play' sessions in our EYS settings. This is a great opportunity for parents to visit school and find out about all the wonderful experiences available to their child. Thank you to all who joined us—we hope to see lots of our Reception parents at our next session in March.



Key Dates

Monday 24th February—INSET day (school closed)

Tuesday 25th February—school reopens

March 2025—parents evenings dates TBC

27 / 28 March—Y3 Barnstondale Residential

Thursday 3rd April—Easter Bonnet Parade

Y4 Easter assembly—date TBC



During the winter months it is really important that the children bring a coat to school. We try to get outdoors as much as possible and embrace the colder temperatures.

Please make sure that all uniform is named so if misplaced can be easily returned.



How to contact us:

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Deputy Designated Safeguarding Officer: **Mrs R Pender**



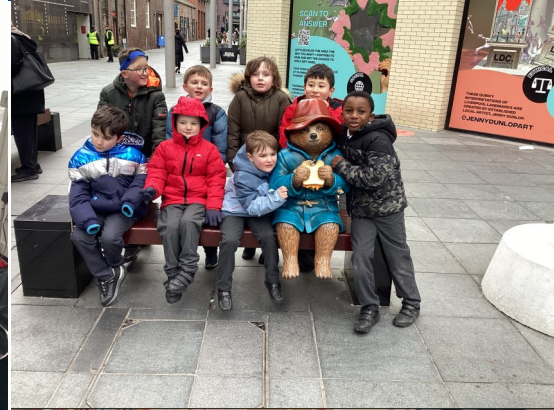
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We have really enjoyed our learning so far in the spring term!



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