

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

What an amazing first week back! We have definitely hit the ground running this week and the children have been working exceptionally hard. This week has seen the launch of lot's of new topics and the children will have their topic letters tonight alongside this newsletter so that you can discuss their learning with them.

A little grumble: - earlier this week the path immediately outside the school gates had a lot of dog mess scattered around and unfortunately our younger children were unable to avoid standing in it. Obviously some were upset by this. If you have a dog and it fouls outside our school, please scoop the poop.

Next week we also launch our E-Safety drive led by Mr Kelly. This is to raise awareness with all of our children about how to stay safe when surfing the internet.

The Penguins have had a super first week back. After the excitement of PE on Wednesday they even got a visit from a fire engine which created a super stimulus for their writing! The children have adapted well to the new handwriting routine in the morning and are having lots of fun with their mental maths sessions in the afternoon.

Welcome to our new children and families in the Foundation Stage! The beginning of a new journey has started for you... and it all began with biscuit decorating.



F2 are learning all about cold and hot climates this week. They are working hard on speaking and listening in their new football and fairy communication corners.



The Butterflies have been very busy this week learning facts all about the different people that help us. They have put all of the information they learnt into a report.



As part of the Lions topic they have looked at Andy Warhol's Marilyn picture. They have explored the relationship between colours and used contrasting colours for their very own self portraits. The children also took responsibility for compiling a display which they are incredibly proud of it.



## Behaviour - Traffic Lights

At the Academy we use a 'Traffic Light' system to warn children if their behaviour is not of the acceptable standard. The aim is for the children to stay in green. The totals below show how many children have achieved this each week.

This week 288 children out of 290 have stayed in Green.

Well done!

Frogs	Spiders	Penguins	Rhinos	Lions	Butterflies	Meerkats	Ants	Sharks	Tigers	Panthers	Leopards
25 /25	26/26	23 /23	21/22	22/22	27/27	31/31	31/31	20/21	26/26	18/18	18/18

The Ants have had a fantastic first week launching their new topic 'To infinity and beyond' they went on their very own space walk with their space hats and made rockets and spaceships.



The Meerkats have had a fantastic first week back culminating with the launch of their topic 'All about space'



The Tigers, Leopards and Panthers have been honing their basic skills in sketching and painting to ready themselves for their new topic that launches tomorrow 'Avengers Assemble'

Frogs 88.0% 1 late	Spiders 96.9% 1 late	Lions 95.5% 3 lates	Penguins 93.0% 2 lates	Butterflies 96.3% 3 lates
Rhinos 98.2% 1 late	<b>ATTENDANCE AND LATES</b> <b>WHOLE SCHOOL 94.7% 25 LATES</b>			Meerkats 96.1% 3 lates
Sharks 92.4% 3 lates	Ants 98.7% 1 late	Tigers 95.4% 2 lates	Panthers 91.1% 3 lates	Leopards 91.7% 2 lates



Attendance target for year is 96.5%. Year to date is 95.3%



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Nursery @EstcourtNursery  
 Reception @EPSF2  
 Rhinos @MissDavisRhinos  
 Lions @EstcourtY2Lions  
 Penguins @penguinsclass

Butterflies @Y2Butterflies  
 Meerkats @MeerkatsYear3  
 Ants @AntsYear4  
 Sharks @MrsMurraySharks  
 Tigers @Y5Tigers

Leopards @leopardsyear6  
 Panthers @Year6Panthers  
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