



Friday 17th January 2020

ATTENDANCE

Well done to the children in Years 1, 3 and 4 who achieved 100% attendance this week. They will look after the Attendance Cup this week.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE %</u>
RECEPTION	98%
YEAR 1	100%
YEAR 2	97%
YEAR 3	100%
YEAR 4	100%

AUTHOR VISIT

Your child has been invited to attend an event with **Alan Windram** during school hours on **Monday 20th January 2020**.

Alan's events are highly interactive, full of songs, images, stories and audience participation. There is often some robot dancing too!

Images from the book will be displayed on a screen or smart board. This part of the event demonstrates how Chloe, the illustrator, created the characters and the world of Benny. Alan has character development sketches and first draft drawings which really gives the children an insight into how all the characters were created.



Book Sales and Signing

Following the event **Alan** will sign copies of his books. If your child already owns copies please get them to bring them along to be signed.

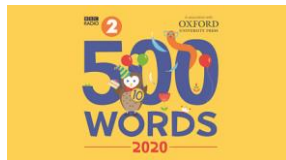
✚ Your child can also buy copies of **Alan's** books on the day at the following prices:

Title	Price
One Button Benny	£5
A Puppy's Tale	£5
Mac and Bob – The Party Problem	£5
Mac and Bob – The Unexpected Visitor	£5

Children are under no obligation to buy books but if you would like them to we are able to accept cash and cheques (please make them out to Scottish Book Trust).

If you would like to purchase any books, please send your child into school with the correct amount of cash or cheque in a clearly labelled envelope on Monday morning.

500 HUNDRED WORDS COMPETITION



500 Words is the UK's most successful short story-writing competition for children between the ages of 5 and 13. It was launched back in 2011, after Chris Evans had a dream. He dreamt of getting children excited about reading and writing. All children: no matter what their ability, experience, or background.

It's super simple. All entrants must pen an original story, no more than 500 words in length, and submit it online. It can be about ANYTHING you want – space-ships, grannies, insects, time travel. The list is endless!

Stories are judged anonymously, without regard to grammar, punctuation or spelling. The competition culminates in a broadcast extravaganza of live music and sensational story-telling every summer, at a special venue. Past venues have included The Globe and The Tower of London and Windsor Castle. 2019 saw a magnificent extravaganza come live from Windsor Castle. From the 112,986 entries - that's 56.5 million words, with the six winning wordsmiths announced on-air by celebrity narrators including David Walliams and Helen McCrory. There was also fantastic music from Busted, Tom Walker and Matilda the Musical. FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO ENTER –GO TO THE BBC WEBSITE.

REQUEST FROM MISS OSBORNE

Miss Osborne is collecting **fabric scraps** and **strong shoebox-sized cardboard boxes** for our 'Into the Wardrobe' themed art project with Year 3 and 4. The boxes will be turned into mini Narnia wardrobes (so preferably not too deep) and need to be approximately A4 - A3 size. If you have anything that you think may be suitable, please bring into school before next Friday. Thank you!

MESSAGE FROM MRS PHILLIPS

Next week in PSHE the children in Years 1 to 4 will be discussing access to YouTube, online games and online streaming platforms (i.e. Netflix) and films. In particular they will be discussing what is appropriate for a child's age, how children and adults can decide what's appropriate and the topic of peer pressure.

Please have an initial discussion about this with your child at home to help them develop an understanding of what is suitable for them. Look on our website under e-safety and you will find an updated Parent info section.

'MINI 'EASTER PRODUCTION

Instead of the usual Easter Service, this year we have decided to present a mini production of A Tale of Three Trees. The children in Reception to Year 4 will be involved. There will be two performances on Tuesday 31st March at 9.15am and 2.30pm. We hope you can join us.

MESSAGE FROM THE FRIENDS

Tuck shop will open today at 3.05pm.

<u>AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS UPDATE</u> NO MESSY CHURCH DURING THE SPRING TERM
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Dates for your diary

Monday 20th January:	Author visit
Wednesday 22nd January:	Friends from the Village
Friday 7th February:	Into the Woods Storytelling Project
Thursday 13th February:	Gymnastics Competition (Team of 6 TBC)
	Last day of term
Friday 14th February:	Teacher Day
Monday 24th February:	Start of spring 2 nd term
Tuesday 3rd March:	Operation Encompass PSHE session-Class 3
Thursday 5th March:	Swimming starts
Tuesday 31st March:	'A Tale of Three Trees'-9.15am and 2.30pm
Friday 3rd April:	Break up for Easter

