

## Newsletter 02/03/2018

This year we will be using a 'Recognition Board' to challenge children to achieve daily targets linked to the academy rules and expectations. The aim is for all children to achieve the target and get their name on the Recognition Board. The totals below show how many children have achieved this each week.

**This week 308 children made it onto the Recognition Board.  
Well done!**



Parrots	Flamingos	Pandas	Elephants	Eagles	Llamas	Dolphins
24/24	22/22	24/24	24/24	23/23	20/20	17/17
Penguins	Foxes	Polar Bears	Rabbits	Giraffes	Wolves	Turtles
24/24	24/24	23/23	23/23	23/23	20/20	17/17

**Parrots**  
96% & 0 late

**Penguins**  
92% & 3 late

**Attendance & Lates**  
Whole school: **95.6%** and **5 lates**  
**Our attendance target for the year is 96%**  
Year to date is: 94.97%

**Llamas**  
96.1% & 0 late

**Wolves**  
94.2% & 0 late

**Flamingos**  
96.4% & 0 late

**Foxes**  
92.4% & 0 late

**Dolphins**  
96% & 0 late

**Turtles**  
95.2% & 1 late

**Pandas**  
95.7% & 1 late

**Polar Bears**  
93% & 0 late

**Elephants**  
91.4% & 0 late

**Rabbits**  
96% & 0 late

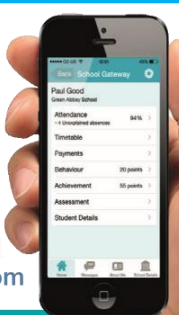
**Eagles**  
95% & 0 late

**Giraffes**  
97.4% & 0 late

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The adverse weather and subsequent school closure this week reiterates the importance of keeping contact details up-to-date and downloading the SchoolGateway app which allows us to send messages for free rather than using normal text message services.

We will be holding drop-ins over the coming weeks to help you get the app up and running on your phone to make home-school communication easier and **cheaper!**

### Upcoming Dates

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March – SchoolGateway App drop-in 8.30 & 3.00

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day – Dress as a character

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Sport Relief

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Children finish for Easter holidays

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April – School re-opens

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Y2 SATs administration month

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday Monday – school closed

Mon 14<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 SATs Week

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Children finish for half term

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June – INSET Day – school closed to children

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June – School re-opens

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### Adverse Weather Closures

We would like to thank you for your understanding when deciding to open or close the academy this week. We will always put the health and safety of our pupils, parents, and staff first, and try to make decisions and communicate these to you as soon as possible.

We understand the disruption school closures can have and will always do our best to keep the academy open.

The Turtles have been practising certain question types in preparation for their SATs in May. They are getting much quicker at locating key words and phrases within a text and love to play the Skim and Scan Game. Ask your child to locate words in their reading book and time them - can they keep beating their last score? @SimpsonsLaneSC



This week the Polar Bears have been learning all about Roald Dahl's 'Charlie and The Chocolate Factory'. They have been describing Will Wonka's wonderful chocolate room where everything looks beautiful and tastes delicious. Ask a Polar Bear what kinds of things you might find in such a magical room.

@SimpsonsLane2W

The Meerkats have enjoyed our key text 'Jasper's Beanstalk' this week and have been sharing and retelling the story with friends during their independent learning time. We are hoping to grow our own beans in the outdoor area when the weather improves!

@SimpsonsMeerkat



Along with other classes in school, the Wolves have been thinking about the Chocolate Room from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. The children designed their own Chocolate Room and brainstormed adjectives to describe their design. They then "magpied" ideas from each other before considering all the different senses that would be stimulated in such a wonderful environment.

@SimpsonsWolves



This week the Parrots and Penguins have been looking at addition to 10 and have completed challenges in our booklets. We used Numicon to create number bonds to 10 and we wrote number sentences to match them as well!

@SimpsonPenguins

@SimpsonsParrots



The Flamingos have had an exciting first week back after half term. We joined in with the whole school writing focus looking at describing the chocolate room from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. On Tuesday, we took part in a cricket taster session with All Stars Cricket and on Wednesday, we made the most of the snow making snow angels and enjoying friendly snowball fights! @SimpsonsLane1M

This week Rabbits have loved been involved with the whole school writing stimulus. They have worked very hard to create a descriptive piece of writing focusing on the Chocolate Room in 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. Children also created chocolate buns and very much enjoyed eating them.

@SimpsonsRabbits



It has been a very busy and productive week for the Giraffes. We have started exploring our new whole class book (Harry Potter), converted analogue and digital times and have penned our own narratives focused on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

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**Safeguarding**

At Simpson's Lane Academy, the welfare of all our pupils is of great importance to us and we hope that parents are confident about their children's health and safety whilst in our academy. We will always try to share any concerns we have with parents. However, there are times when we are legally obliged to share our concerns with other agencies, without first speaking to parents, or without the consent of parents. The safety and protection of our pupils is our most important concern and we wish to reassure you that any sharing of information is done with the children's best interest at heart. If you have any concerns about the welfare or safety of any child in our school, the Designated Safeguarding Lead is Miss Mayers. In her absence, you should contact, Mrs Fairfield, Mr Colley or Mrs Silburn (Deputy Safeguarding Leads). They can be contacted through the school office. The academy has a duty to inform parents that there is a prohibition on reporting or publishing details (including on social media) that could identify anyone who is subject to an allegation. The Government launched a website aimed at parents, teachers and school leaders to give practical advice on protecting young people from extremism and radicalisation. The website can be found at [www.educateagainsthate.com](http://www.educateagainsthate.com)