



Forgiveness Co-operation Equality Honesty Passion Resilience Gratitude Kindness

Message from Mr Done

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a lovely half term break and made the best of the time spent with loved ones. It's been a brilliant first fortnight back at Masefield and as usual, our feet haven't touched the ground. There are lots of events and activities planned in the coming weeks as we run up towards Easter. Please check out the calendar dates and keep-up-to date via our website and other social media pages. Thank you for your continued support in our journey to excellence!

Dates for your Diary

Knowledge Day (Year 1-6)

Wed 15th March 3pm

Year 1 Assembly

Wed 22nd March – 2:45pm

Non Uniform Day

Wed 29th March
Easter egg donation

Easter Bingo

Wed 29th March
3:30-5pm



Save the Children

The non-uniform day held last month to raise money for the Turkey and Syria relief appeal raised a total of £293.

This will go directly to Save the Children.

Thank you Masefield!



Interview a Teacher

Mrs Walton Year 4

Why did you want to be a teacher?

I like working with children and they put a smile on my face. I like helping children with their learning and seeing them have a light bulb moment.



Favourite subject and why?

I like P.E because I like being active and I'm quite competitive but my favourite subject to teach is maths because I enjoy breaking it down and seeing children becoming more confident.

Favourite author/book?

When I was younger I really liked the Harry Potter books, especially the chamber of secrets. I liked reading about the different creatures, adventures and food that was in his world.

A teacher you remember when you were at school and why?

Mrs Hepworth was my Year 3 teacher, she made lessons interesting and we did a lot of learning outside of the classroom which I really enjoyed. We had a class project which was to build a pond for the school which is still there today.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I mostly spend all of my spare time with my little boy Wilf doing fun activities like baking or walking the dog but I also like to go for a run and play netball.

Year 5 children are required to bring a spare change of clothing and footwear that is appropriate to be worn in their Forest school enrichment class every Thursday afternoon.



ATTENDANCE

RECEPTION	96.7%
YEAR 1	95.2%
YEAR 2	97.4%
YEAR 3I	98.1%
YEAR 3J	92.2%
YEAR 4	96.2%
YEAR 5	94%
YEAR 6K	95.3%
YEAR 6R	95%

Attendance Update

Our **97%** target is still achievable this year if we all work together on ensuring children are in school EVERY day and not missing any learning.

Our attendance for the week is

95.5%

Our attendance for the year to date is

96.6%



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Attendance Competition

Our attendance competition will continue again this term.

Come to school every day this **half term** to receive a small prize.

Come to school every day for the **whole term** for the chance to win a **TABLET!**



Holidays in Term Time

Holidays must not be taken during term time as this has an extremely detrimental effect on your child's education.

The long-term cost to your child's education of going on holiday in term time, far outweighs the short term gain of the holiday at the time. The £60 fixed penalty notice is the least of the costs; it is the impact on your child's future educational success that presents the greatest cost. Children miss vital learning that cannot be repeated. It is widely acknowledged that mental health and personal well-being flourish when children have good routines and engage with their learning. Holidays in term time are disruptive on both counts. **I urge you to prioritise the long-term benefits of regular school attendance, over the short term impact of a holiday in term time.**

Equates to:





Lead Learner of the Week

RECEPTION	Hollie K & Grace H Leo D & Joshua E
YEAR 1	Roman L & Kady-Lou P Myla D & Harper I
YEAR 2	Dougie-Lee H & Millie D Lottie G & Noah C
YEAR 3I	Jake C & Harley B Adriana V & Annabelle S
YEAR 3J	George S & Violet H Joshua J & Alfie K
YEAR 4	Parker H & Daisy S Skyler H & Charlie H
YEAR 5	Joesph T & Lexie J Dylan D & Winnie I
YEAR 6K	Amina M & Eireann M Gracie J & Liam B
YEAR 6R	Jace O & Georgia J Finlay B & Maisey E

Vision & Value Award

These pupils **always** show off our school vision and values. They have received Hot Chocolate & Treats with Mr Done!

Reception: Aoife H & Regan M
Year 1: Caleb C & Rossco S
Year 2: Ava M & Caitlyn H
Year 3J: Annabelle S & James W
Year 3I: Louie H & Zachary D
Year 4: Natalie D & Byron
Year 5: Kaylum H & Luke H
Year 6K: Gracie J & Maddison S
Year 6R: An I & Kendal-Leigh B

Celebrating Success

Each week we celebrate success in Good New Assembly. Don't forget to bring in your achievements to share!

Success: Mrs Greenhalgh's fundraising enrichment group have recently raised a fantastic £359.44 for Dogs Trust which will be dropped off at their Manchester site by two Y3 pupils next week. Amazing work!

Readers of the Week

Each week we award children in each class for **REMARKABLE READING**. The following children have won a book to keep **FOREVER!**

Year 1: Roman L
Year 2: Lennox H
Year 3J: Violet H
Year 3I: Amelia H
Year 4: Sophie M
Year 5: Connell B
Year 6K: Amina M
Year 6R: Freddie H

TT Rockstars

Each week 3 children from each class in Year 2 and above receive an award for 'the biggest increase in coins' on TT Rockstars. Knowing your times tables off by heart so important – keep practising at home to win this award and certificate!





Online Safety Tip

Welcome to our 'Online Safety Tip Of The Week'. On each newsletter, we will provide you with some useful hints, tips, guides and fact sheets from the National Online Safety (NOS) website that you as parents and carers will be able to use to help keep your child safe whilst online.

This week's free online safety guide focuses on the free-to-play multiplayer vehicle football game 'Rocket League'. Despite being rated PEGI 3 (which means that it is considered suitable for children of any ages) due to its online features, appropriateness cannot be guaranteed. Developed by Psyonix, part of the Epic Games family (which includes Fortnite and Gears of War) Rocket League is a football game where instead of running, the players drive rocket-powered cars. The game can be accessed via Playstation, Xbox, Nintendo Switch, Windows, MacOS and Linux...

Safeguarding Tip

NSPCC - What to do if you are worried about a child.

If you are worried about a child, even if you are unsure, you can speak to the NSPCC about your concerns. Whether you want to report child abuse and neglect or aren't sure what to do, they are there to listen, offer advice and support, and can take the next steps if a child's in danger.

You can call the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000 or email help@NSPCC.org.uk. If you wish to remain anonymous, you don't have to tell them who you are, where you live, or share your contact details.

If you think a child is in immediate danger, please call the police on 999 straight away.

Supporting your child

Learning to Read – Our Phonics Scheme

Each week we will share a video to support your understanding of our phonics scheme. Today's video is 'Understanding Phonics'

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/u7t072Zo/ZLfleXgw>

Reading at Home

'If you cannot read, you cannot learn. If your child cannot read, their progress in all other subjects will be curtailed. There is no such thing as reading too much!'

Maths

White Rose Maths have FREE downloadable booklets for each year group block. You can download them here:

<https://whiterosemaths.com/parent-resources>

All of our parent workshops are available to watch on the school website

Sustainability Top Tip

Be Water Wise!

Skip the bottled water. Bottled water companies try to give tap water a bad name, even though the water from your tap is practically free and has often come out better in quality tests and taste tests against name-brand water. Also, the extraction of water and production of all those plastic bottles is notoriously harmful to communities and wildlife.

