



Happy New year everyone!

I hope you have had a lovely holiday and found time for rest and relaxation between the seasonal festivities.

We have had a great start back to the term and there are some exciting things for children to look forward to in the coming term.



As you know, we had our 2 day OFSTED visit back in December, after 13 years since the last visit. The report has been emailed to you and will be published on our website next week.

Over the last 13 years, the OFSTED framework has changed significantly : there is more focus on the curriculum than there used to be and it is more challenging, under the new framework, to gain an 'Outstanding' grade. After establishing our vision and values in 2022, we have been working hard to develop our curriculum and we are pleased that this work has been recognised in our OFSTED report.

We are pleased with the overall 'Good' grade that we have been awarded and between now and the next visit we will be determined to raise the bar even higher!

The report highlights 3 action points :

1. Further developing our curriculum - this is on our School Development Plan (SDP), we have been working on our curriculum over the last 15 months and know that there are a few areas to complete.
2. Ensure KS1 reading books are phonetically decodable – last year we introduced Bug club which comes with phonetically decodable books, we now are advised to buy more phonetically decodable books and get rid of old ones (again this is in our SDP for this year).
3. Consistently applying the behaviour policy across the school. We have already tightened and strengthened the application of our behaviour policy and will ensure that this is consistently applied by all staff.

If you have any questions or concerns about the report, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Twilight Club

It is lovely to see so many children enjoying Twilight club, Mrs Cooke and her helpers do a fabulous job at providing a wide range of activities for the children.

With the numbers at the club growing, we would like to tighten our pick up arrangements at the end of Twilight Club.

Monday, Tuesday, Friday – Pick up will be from the hall. Please come and wait in the front entrance and your child/ren will be brought to you. Please sign out as normal, the sign out sheet will be by the office window.

Wednesday and Thursday – Pick up will be from Ms Glover's class, Year 4. Please walk around to the playground and wait at the Year 4 fire door and your child/ren will be brought to you. Please sign out as normal, the sign out sheet will be by the door.

School Nurse Drop in Sessions

The School Nursing service will be coming in to school to offer parent drop-in sessions on **Thursday 18th January** from **9.30am**.



Click [here](#) to read more information about the School Nursing Service.

If you would like to arrange a slot please email the school office admin@mordiford.hereford.sch.uk

Prayer Corner

Dear Heavenly Father

Thank You for today, thank You for the inspiration You give me to dream and to set goals for myself. Setting goals gives me the motivation to live each day purposefully and with direction.

So I pray that You will help me have the determination to follow my dreams and guide me so I can achieve my goals.

Amen

Dates for your Diary



Date	Time	Event
Tues 9th Jan		Term 2 starts
Thurs 18th Jan	9:00	Y1 Class Assembly
Thurs 18th Jan	9:30	Parent Drop in Sessions with the School Nurse
Fri 19th Jan	all day	Y3 History Trip to Caerleon
Wed 31st Jan	all day	Y5 Shakespeare Performances Courtyard 5pm
Thurs 1st Feb	9:00	Reception Class Assembly
Mon 5th Feb	15:15	Y6 SATs & Residential Meeting with parents
Tues 6th Feb	09:00 - 09:30	Parent Drop in Y1, Y2, Y3
Tues 6th Feb	09:30 - 10:00	Parent Info - Reading & Writing in KS1
Wed 7th Feb	09:00 - 09:30	Parent Drop in Y4, Y5, Y6
Wed 7th Feb	09:30 - 10:00	Parent Info - Internet safety
Thurs 8th Feb	TBC	PTFA Valentine's disco
Fri 9th Feb		Mid Year reports
Mon 12th- 16th Feb		Half term holiday
Tues 20th Feb	all day	Y4 Science trip to waterworks
Thurs 22nd Feb	9:00	Y6 Class Assembly
Mon 26th Feb	16:00 & 19:00	Y4 Moving Targets Performances Courtyard
Mon 4th- 8th March	all week	Book week (UN World Wildlife day 3rd)
Thurs 7th March	TBC	Book week Y4 Trip to Courtyard
Thurs 7th March	all day	World Book day
Mon 11th—Fri 15th March	all week	Year 6 Residential Trip to PGL
Mon 11th March	13:30-17:00	KS1 Parent Meetings (R, Y1, Y2)
Wed 13th March	13:30-17:00	KS2 Parent Meetings (Y3, Y4, Y5)
Wed 20th March	13:30-17:00	Y6 Parents Meetings
Thurs 21st March	9:00	Easter Service led by Y5
Fri 22nd March		Fund raiser for 'Project Mala' - Last day of term 2