

Dear Families,

It feels as if this half-term is flying by and we can't believe there are only two weeks left to go!

To start with, a few dates to alert you to. After half term, the school is closed on the first Monday back for an inset day but will reopen as usual on Tuesday 31st. Also this first week back, we have our parents' evening on Wednesday 1st. There is a letter that will come out with this newsletter with instructions on how to book your slot.

We have had a fantastic start to the year and are really proud of all the children on their return. Our new curriculum is supporting the learning through classes working together and our new mission of 'Excellence for all' and our values of Integrity, Ambition and Community are driving all that we do.

With the value of Community in mind, we are always looking to develop ways we can work with our families so if you are interested in volunteering we'd love to hear from you. Also after half term, we are starting a new family group called Parenting Circle. This will be run by our fantastic family team who will be letting you know more about it soon, so keep an eye on when this will be happening.

A polite reminder to all our families, new and old, to please not park on the zig-zag lines outside the school. These are here so that, in an emergency, ambulances can gain access to the school as quickly as possible. We really appreciate you supporting us with this.

Finally, we wanted to thank Morgcambells who have donated a fantastic new workbench to our reception class. We will send photos when all the parts have arrived, hopefully in the next newsletter, but the actual bench is already here and looks fantastic. A really generous gift and we thank the team very much.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend and a fantastic last two weeks of the term.

Best wishes,

Mr T Platten

Headteacher



Welcome to Salmestone

As part of a TKAT initiative all our new reception starters received a completely free copy of 'How to catch a star' by Oliver Jeffers. We hope all our new families have enjoyed sharing this story together at home and ignited a love of reading to follow the children through their time at Salmestone.



We are delighted to say our Reception children seem to be settling in really well to school life at Salmestone.



Please be reminded that Salmestone is a nut free school. If you provide your child with a packed lunch please ensure there is nothing which contains nuts.

Do you know someone with a child due to start school in September 2024?

Tours Available:

Thursday 2nd November- 10am, 4.30pm & 5.30pm

Wednesday 29th November- 4.30pm & 5.30pm

Thursday 30th November- 10am

Alternatively please go to <https://www.salmestone-tkat.org/virtual-tour> to book a one to one tour at a time that is convenient for your family.



Did you know?

Minutes late per day during the school year	Equals days worth of learning lost in the school year
5 Minutes	3 Days
10 Minutes	6 1/2 Days
15 Minutes	10 Days
20 Minutes	13 Days
30 Minutes	19 Days

Term 1's Attendance & Lateness

Class	Attendance %	Late Arrivals
Nursery	85.8%	3
Reception- Highlands	89.4%	7
Year 1- Pyrenees	87%	7
Year 2- Atlas	93.1%	3
Year 3- Rockies	88.4%	17
Year 4- Alps	90.6%	28
Year 5- Andes	88.9%	17
Year 6- Himalayas	92.4%	29
Total for Term 3	90.8%	111

Diary Dates

October 2023

30th- INSET Day

31st- First day of term

November 2023

1st- Parent Evening- children to be collected at 1pm

December 2023

1st December- Year 5 & 6 trip (**details to follow**)

6th- KS2 Pantomime trip

7th- Save the children Christmas jumper day

8th- KS1 Pantomime (**in school details to follow**)

12th- KS2 Church Service (**details to follow**)

13th- KS1 Nativity (**details to follow**)

14th- School Christmas Dinner & KS1 Nativity (**details to follow**)

15th- Nursery Christmas Craft family session (**details to follow**)

Reminder

A reminder that school communications and payments are moving to the School Gateway App!

Apple iPhone users, download the app here:

schoolgateway.co.uk/iosdownload

Android phone users, download the app

here: schoolgateway.co.uk/androiddownload

Your login details will be your email address & mobile number of the main contact given at school.



Wrap around care now available!

**INCLUSIVE
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Monday—Thursday

15:10—17:00

BOOK ONLINE: <https://inclusive-sport.classforkids.io/camp/34>



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