

# Light Years News



## A message from the head – Dan Tresman



Welcome to our 2nd edition of our termly newsletter. It has been wonderful to see all of our pupils making progress through our curriculum, their learning journey's and experience a wide range of activities. My highlight of the term was welcoming parents and families into school on World Book Day and seeing children read to their parents. This heart-warming day encapsulates the ethos and values of our school community, and I am looking forward to seeing many more events like it in the future. I am delighted to share that Sarah Alden will be taking on her role of Headteacher at the start of next term. I will continue at Light Years in my new role too, and so will continue to see you all, share these special events and guide the school in it's development over the coming months and years. Thank you for all your support so far this year and enjoy the Easter break.

## RNLI at Light Years

On Tuesday, we had an exciting day at school as the RNLI visited to teach us about water safety! From understanding the importance of life jackets to learning how to spot potential dangers in the water, it was an invaluable lesson for our students. Thank you to the RNLI for equipping us with essential knowledge to stay safe near water!



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## Mars and Earth Classes loved being jungle explorers AND pirates!



In Year 3 and 4 this term, we have explored our topics in a multi-sensory, immersive way. We have had plenty of opportunities for role play, exploration and vocabulary collection. In Numeracy, we have looked at a range of topics including addition and subtraction, fraction and shape and measure. We have worked in a 'concrete, pictorial, abstract' way and have used various resources to help us learn including cheerios! We have been so proud of the children for engaging in their learning and for showing a 'can-do' attitude. Well done Mars and Earth Classes!

## Attendance update...

Over the holidays, please revisit the Light Years School Attendance policy as this offers guidance to parents and carers and sets our expectations for all pupils.

Our aim is to support families and pupils with achieving and maintaining positive attendance and punctuality to ensure that all pupils are given every opportunity to experience success, whilst getting the most out of school. There are 365 days in the year and 190 days in the school year. If we take the days in school away from the days in the year, we see that for 175 days children are at home with their parents. If a child takes leave of absence during term time, 10 school days, attendance starts to fall to only 180 days in school. If the child is then ill for 5 or more days in a year, they start to be at home more than they are in school.

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## Saturn Class have been learning all about chocolate!

In Saturn Class, the theme for this half-term has been “Chocolate” which is linked to our history topic on the Marvellous Mayans. Children have explored different aspects of the Mayan civilization including which inventions and innovations have influenced our world today. In literacy, we had great fun exploring the importance of instruction writing and designing our own chocolate bars as well as writing a balanced argument based on the folktale of how Mayans got chocolate in the first place. In numeracy, we have covered a range of areas including multiplication, fractions, measuring length and some work on shape. The children have all worked very hard and we are very proud of their achievements.



## School Council at Light Years

We were pleased to introduce our school council this term, with hustings being held in the final week of term. The children filled in application forms, if they wanted to participate, and were voted for in class groups. We are pleased to announce:

**Pupil Voice: Remy and Elijah**  
**Earth Class: Jensen and Mac**  
**Saturn Class: Archie and Taylor**

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Start small, grow tall

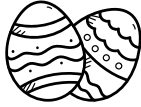
# Our Term Gallery



Thank you to all the children, parents and carers and wider community for another fantastic term at Light Years. We hope you have a brilliant, restful Easter break and we can't wait to see you all back in the Summer Term. Thank you for your continued support! The Light Years Team.

# Summer Term Dates

## Key dates:



Monday 1st April 2024 to Friday 12th April 2024 – **EASTER HOLIDAY**

Monday 15th April 2024 – **INSET Day**

Tuesday 16th April 2024 – **First Day of Summer Term 1**

Monday 6th May 2024 – **Bank Holiday (School Closed)**

Friday 24th May 2024 – **Last Day of Summer Term 1**

Monday 27th May 2024 to 31st May 2024 – **HALF TERM HOLIDAY**



Monday 3rd June 2024 – **First Day of Summer Term 2**

Tuesday 23rd July 2024 – **Last Day of Summer Term 2**

24th July 2024 – **Start of the Summer Holiday**

## Extra-Curricular dates:



Monday 22nd April 2024 – **Earth Day**

Wednesday 15th May 2024 – **Modern Foreign Languages Day**

Friday 17th May 2024 – **Saturn Class Assembly – adults in to watch**

Friday 14th June 2024 – **Euro Day**

Friday 28th June 2024 – **Armed Forces Celebration Day**

Friday 12th July 2024 – **Year 3/4 Class Assembly – adults in to watch**

