

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Following our latest Ofsted report we have been discussing how we can help children improve their handwriting and presentation.

I have explained to the children that I have a new stamper and will be coming round and looking for neat handwriting, neat presentation and improvements in handwriting and presentation.

We know that some children find handwriting difficult and therefore I will be looking for neat handwriting and improvement in presentation for the individual child. We also have a board in the main corridor with spaces for each class to display their fantastic presentation.

Please help us by encouraging children working at home to make their handwriting and presentation as neat as possible.

We have also been focusing on phonics; key staff have attended further phonics training. We already closely monitor children's phonic knowledge carefully and we have been reviewing individual progress and attainment.

EYFS and key stage 1 are looking forward to their Chinese New Year celebrations on Friday.

Please note that the school is closed to pupils on Friday 15th February and that the week following is half term.

Mrs J Scallon

Friday 8th February	EYFS + KS1	Chinese New Year Day
Friday 15th February	INSET	School Closed to Pupils
Monday 18th—Fri 22nd Feb	Whole School	HALF TERM
Monday 25th Feb	Whole School	School opens to children 8:50am
Tuesday 26th Feb	Y1 and Y5	Fire rescue Presentations
Wednesday 13th March	EYFS 2:15pm	Play with your child afternoon
Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th March	KS1	Beaumanor Residential
Wednesday 27th March	Y6	National Justice Museum trip
Tuesday 2nd/ Wednesday 3rd April	Whole school	Parents Evening
Wednesday 10th April	Whole school	Egg Rolling 11am
Friday 12th April	Whole school	School closes for Easter 3:15pm
Monday 29th April	Whole School	School opens 8:50am for the Summer term
Monday 29th April—Wed 1st May	Year 3/4	Ironbridge residential

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### Snow!

Hopefully the worst of the weather is past us, but in the event of snow please check the school website, your email or Twitter for news of any closures.

We will always do our best to open, but may have reduced hours in the event of any heavy snowfall, for example in the past we have opened at 10am and closed at 2pm to allow staff to travel to and from school.

Any decision to close is never taken lightly and will only happen in extreme cases.

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### Residentials

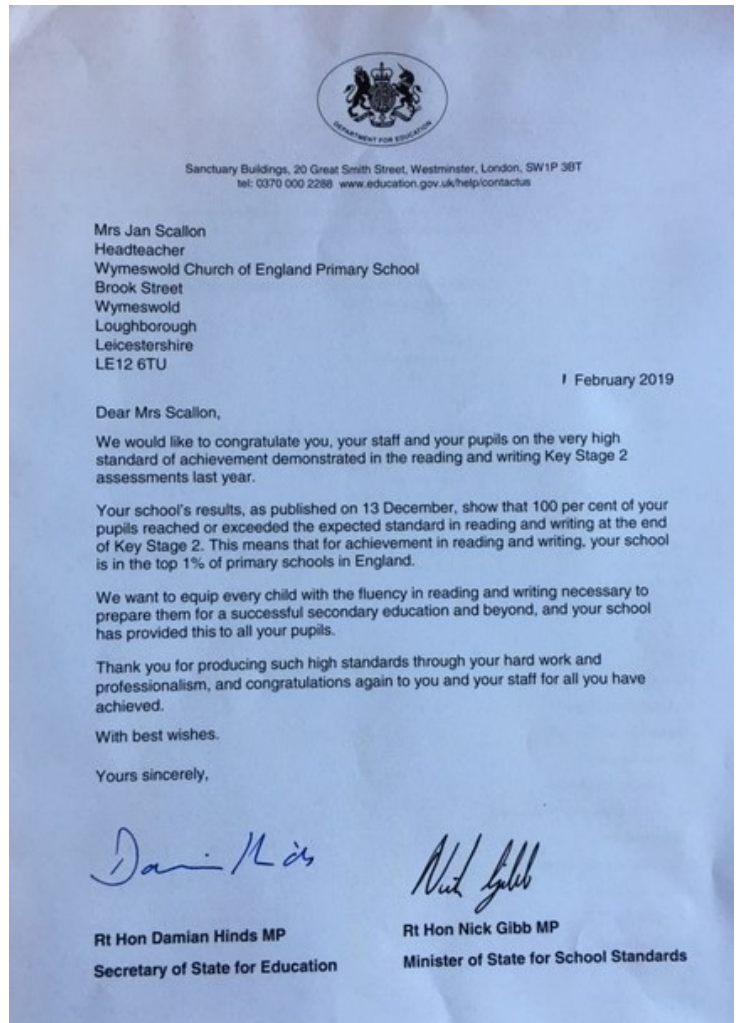
The Year 3/4 residential is going to visit Ironbridge on Monday 29th April to Wednesday 1st May 2019. A letter with arrangements will be sent out shortly and a meeting will be held in the next few weeks.

Year 5/6 will be visiting Northumberland in June.

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### NTU student

We welcome Miss Baldwin to Class 4. Miss Baldwin is a second year teaching student from Nottingham Trent University who will be in school for the coming weeks.



We have received a letter from the Secretary of State for Education—Rt Hon Damian Hinds and the Minister of State for School Standards, Rt Hon Nick Gibb congratulating us on our achievements in reading and writing; Wymeswold is in the top 1% of primary schools in England.