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5th May 2017,

Dear Parents

Welcome back, I hope that you all had a lovely Easter break.

Attendance April 2017

Group	% Attend	Authorised Absences %	Unauthorised Absences %	Possible %
Acorns	96.1	1.2	2.7	100
Sycamores	99.3	0.7	0.0	100
Yews	97.0	0.3	2.7	100
Elms	97.3	1.7	1.0	100
Oaks	98.3	1.7	0.0	100
Totals	97.6	1.1	1.3	100

Attendance is vital to children's learning and well-being. Other than medical reasons and exceptional circumstances which would have been discussed with class teacher/headteacher, your child needs to be in school every day. Reasons other than these will be classed as unauthorised. Should the reason for the absence turn out to be false this will then be unauthorised retrospectively.

96% is the national average figure for primary school attendance and the school's target is 97%. It is parents' duty to ensure that attendance is regular (everyday bar illness) and punctual.

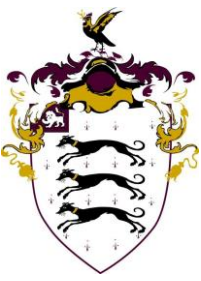
Punctuality

Please make sure that your child/ren are arriving to school by 8.50am, this allows them (the 10 minutes) time to get settled into their day, in a calm and organised manner.

Summer SATS and assessments

Next week, our Year 6 will be taking their government required SATs tests. Year 2 will undertake their statutory tests during this month too and Year 1 will have a phonics





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screening check in the week commencing 12th June. The rest of the school will complete their optional SATS during this term too.

Please make sure that your child is in school every day. Every day counts.

Thinking putty/ Spinners:

Thinking putty will be allowed in classrooms for the purpose in which it is intended- to aid thinking. It needs to be a small amount/ pot. This will be used at the teachers' discretion and will ONLY be used in class, not outside. Should the putty cause distractions to the learner or others then the owner of it will be asked to keep it at home. Spinners are not to be brought into school.

Uniform- Summer Wear

A reminder that summer uniform can now be worn. Shorts are to be tailored and knee length for both boys and girls (no higher). Hair accessories need to be school coloured or dark and discreet. No glitzy bows or floral head dresses. Please see our school uniform policy on our website for further information.

Sports News

Year 3/4 hockey team played their tournaments this week, they played extremely well as a super SJM team. Well done to you all. Thank you parents for your support.

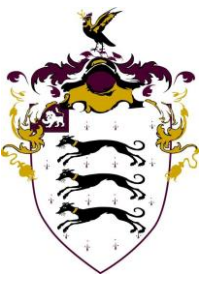
Years 3/4 and 5/6 footballers have been in action this half term. Superb team players working together. Thanks to parents and to Mr Fovargue for his coaching support.

Reading

We will be launching a read campaign in classes as data is showing that the level of reading is low due to pupils not reading enough. Please encourage your child to read at home whether it be by book or on an electronic device.

Reading is absolutely fundamental to children's education and must be high profile at school and also at home. Please support and encourage your child/ren to read as much as possible at home. Bug club resources are allocated to your child to read and a list of recommended books for your child's year group will be given to pupils shortly.





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Friends of Sir John Moore (FoSJM)

We now have a fabulously colourful playground thanks to the FoSJM being successful in their Lottery bid for school. The children were very surprised and excited to see the new playground marking (which the School council had helped consult on) when they arrived back at school last week. There's still more to come! An outdoor performance stage for outdoor performing and seating area and also a Science nature walk! Thank you so much to our FoSJM.

Unfortunately, FoSJM are struggling to find people to help with running activities for events, if this continues then events such as the Summer and Christmas fayre will have to be downsized. This would be a shame as FoSJM events are renowned for their show stopping events which are so very well attended by us all and provide a much appreciated and needed source of income in providing our children with resources to support and enhance their learning. If you are able to spare a few hours a year, any time you can spare would be gratefully received! You don't need to commit to attending meetings. If you are able to get involved please let the school office know. Alternatively please speak to Dayna Wright, Claire Whitehurst, Larissa Chapman, Andrea Astle or Siobhan Daniels.

Upcoming events: FoSJM disco- Thursday 25th May @ 3.30pm- 5pm (details to follow)
Any adult help would be appreciated.

Summer Fayre Thursday 13th July (2pm- 4.30pm) Raffle

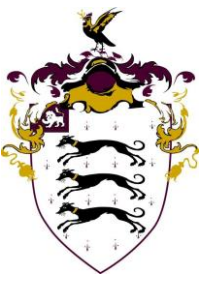
Dads' morning- 16th June

Our annual, popular Dads' morning will be on **Friday 16th June**. Dads and male relatives are invited to join us in a morning of fun! This is a great opportunity to spend the morning with you school child/ren. Book it in gentlemen!

Healthy week- w/c 12th June

Do you know a golf pro or a chef or a nutritionist or are you one? We're looking for people who do sporty or healthy living type jobs or hobbies (nurse, doctor, fitness instructor, chef, sports coach etc) to come and talk or do activities with the children in classes or small groups for the school's healthy week. If you know anyone or you are one of these people it would be great to have you in. Please contact school for further details.





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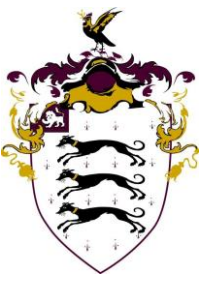
Our school website has the following Parent View link which is a facility for you as parents to voice and share your views about our school.

<http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>. This is a tool used by OFSTED to see what parents think about their children's school before they come and inspect. Please feel free to visit the site. Your opinion really counts and contributes toward an OFSTED judgement.

Up and Coming Events

W/C 8th May – Year 6 SATS
Thu 25th May – School Disco -3.30pm-5pm
Fri 26th May – Last Day of Half Term
Mon 29th May - Fri 2nd Jun – Half Term Break
Mon 5th Jun School Opens
W/C 12th Jun – Healthy Week
Tue 13th Jun – Sports Day
Wed 14th Jun – Yr 6s London Trip
Fri 16th Jun – Dads' Morning
Wed 5th Jul – Yr 5s Taster Day ICC
Thu 6th Jul – Yr6s Transition Day ICC
Fri 7th Jul – Yr6s Transition Day ICC
Fri 7th Jul – Yr6 Prom
Thu 13th Jul – Leavers Church Service
Thu 13th Jul – Summer Fayre
Fri 14th Jul – Last Day of Summer Term





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