

Newsletter Date: 10th November 2017

2nd Autumn Term – 8 weeks (Week 2)

Dear Parents,



Attendance

Whole school attendance for the last week of term was **95.5%**. **Let's try and reach our whole school target of 97% this week.**

The winners for best attendance this week are; Key Stage 1, **1LW**, and for Key Stage 2, **4AH** - Well done to those classes in particular.

Class	Caterpillars AM	Caterpillars PM	Nursery AM	Nursery PM	Busy-Bees	Lady-birds	1CM	1LW	2JH
Lates	0	0	1	0	8	0	1	1	0
Attendance	92.5%	100%	93.8%	93.3%	88.5%	95.3%	89.7%	99.3%	95.7%

Class	2SL	3LW	3OM	4AH	4RW	5AJ	5NW	6LMC	6MP
Lates	2	3	2	2	1	0	2	1	3
Attendance	96%	93.3%	94.4%	100%	94.5%	96.8%	98.7%	97.3%	99.3%



This award is given to the classes with the fewest amount of late children in a week. The winner of **Beat the Bell** last week for EYFS & Key Stage 1 is **2JH**, and the winner for Key Stage 2 is **5AJ**. **Well done everyone!**



This award is given to classes that have shown an outstanding attitude to learning or behaviour. The winners this week are **2JH, 3SB and 5AJ**.



This award is given in the Achievement Assembly on the previous week, and is awarded to two children who had 100% attendance that week. Last week's winners were **Rishi Patel (2SL) and Sidra Amjad Akhtar (5AJ)**. **Well done!**

Pikes Lane Promises

Every month we will share with you one of the promises that we are focusing on in school. The promise this month is:

Respect ALL others and always react and respond calmly



Appointments

We are having an increasing number of children being taken out of school for appointments. **Please try to make appointments out of school time.** Every minute that a child is out of school means that they are missing valuable learning time, and it is disruptive not only to the child going to the appointment, but also to the other children in the class, when we have to collect your child and interrupt the lesson.

If you have a Nursery am/pm child it is essential that you make their appointments out of school time. They are only in school for 3 hours a day, and have a number of holidays. Nursery children can get very upset when a different member of staff has to collect them, and take them through school to their parents.

If your child or your family need to go to the dentist please make routine six monthly check-ups in the school holidays. Whilst we appreciate that it is difficult to get a dental appointment, it is possible to arrange a number of months in advance for a check-up in the holidays.

We also understand that hospital/paediatrician appointments cannot always be rearranged for the holidays, and emergency dental treatment must be done as soon as possible.

If an appointment is unavoidable we must see proof of the appointment, and **children must only be out of school for the total length of the appointment.** If a child has an appointment at lunch time, they **must** come in school in the morning, and then be brought back straight after the appointment.

If it is absolutely essential that you take your child out of school for an appointment, please let the office staff know in the morning to ensure that your child is not in an assembly. **A proof of appointment must be seen, or your child will be given an unauthorised absence. When a child receives a number of unauthorised absences the parents are subject to a fine from the local authority.**

what's happening

Children in Need £1 – Friday 17th November 2017

Year 1 and 2 (KS1) pantomime trip – Thursday 14th December 2017

Christmas Jumper Day £1 for Save the Children – Friday 15th December 2017

Years 1-6 (KS1 and KS2) Christmas Singalong – Tuesday 19th December 2017 (time will be added when the teacher has worked out the run time)

Caterpillars, Butterflies and Reception Christmas Singalong (EYFS) – Wednesday 20th December 2017 (time will be added when the teacher has worked out the run time)

Christmas Dinner Day – Wednesday 20th December 2017

Christmas party day (party clothes to be worn) – Thursday 21st December 2017

Non Uniform Day for school funds £1 – Friday 22nd December 2017

Christmas Holidays: Monday 25th December 2017 to Monday 8th January 2018 inclusive – Children return on Tuesday 9th January 2018

February half term: Monday 19th February 2018 to Friday 23rd February 2018

Easter Holidays: Friday 30th March to Friday 13th April 2018. Children return on Monday 16th April 2018

May Half Term: Monday 28th May to Monday 4th June inclusive. Children return on Tuesday 5th June 2018

Term ends on Friday 20th July 2018

Children in Need

We will be taking part in Children in Need this year. This year's theme is 'Do Your Thing!', and we are inviting children to dress up on **Friday 17th November in sportswear and bring in £1 for the charity.**

With the theme being 'Do Your Thing' we will tie in with our new whole school health and wellbeing initiative, 'The Daily Mile' – keeping children fit for life.



We're supporting

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Children in Need