

**PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES – IMPORTANT NOTICE**

We have a number of different and valuable opportunities through the year where as a parent, you can come into school to find out what your child is doing in class. These include Welcome Afternoons, Open Afternoons and various Craft Days or Theme Afternoons linked to topic work.

Most of these events are very well-attended and the classrooms are very full. As a result we request that parents do not bring pre-school children to these events. The reasons for this are as follows. Firstly, the school environment is geared up to school-aged children and not toddlers and is therefore not a safe place for them to be. Many of the art materials etc. used in these events are potentially dangerous to very young children e.g. small beads, scissors etc.

Secondly, if babies are brought then we have experienced problems with large numbers of prams or baby seats adding hazards to what are already very crowded areas. There is also the risk of a child being accidentally hurt by either a child or an adult.

All of these past experiences, and the fact that the main purpose of the events is for parents to concentrate on the work of their child, resulted in the current policy.

Most parents understand the reason for these restrictions and comply with the request not to bring pre-school children, even if this means they themselves cannot attend. However, we have had isolated instances where a parent has brought a toddler or baby to one of these events. Understandably, parents who have missed out on attending because of the request for no pre-school children, have justifiably been upset by this.

**In order to make things entirely fair, the request for parents not to bring pre-school children to these sorts of events is now being made a rule that will be enforced in all cases.**

This means that if a parent arrives at one of these events with a pre-school child, they will not be allowed entry to the building. We will give as much notice as possible of events to give parents the maximum chance to organise child care and we will make it very clear on the information that goes out about a parental involvement event whether pre-school children are able to attend or not. Reminders will also be sent out so that hopefully the situation where a parent has to be turned away from an event does not occur.

The no pre-school children rule is there to ensure a safe working environment for all, to avoid harm coming to pre-school children and to ensure that all adults and children taking part in the event get the maximum benefit and enjoyment from it.

**KEY STAGE 1 – JULIA DONALDSON DAY**

Parents of key Stage 1 children are invited to join their child during the afternoon of Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May to take part in different learning activities related to books written by the famous children's author Julia Donaldson. These include *The Gruffalo* and *Room on the Broom*. Further details will be sent out next term. Please make a note of the date in your diary.

**In line with the information above, pre-school children must not be brought to this event. Unfortunately, any parent who arrives with a pre-school child will not be able to take part.**

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## **SUMMER TERM DATES:**

**School closes today at 3.15 p.m. for the Easter Holiday and the Summer Term begins at 9.00 a.m. on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April.**

**School is next closed on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May for the May Day Bank Holiday.**

**The first half of the Summer Term ends at 3.15 p.m. on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May and the final half-term of the school year begins at 9.00 a.m. on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June.**

**The school year ends at 2.00 p.m. on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018.**

CLASS ATTENDANCE COMPETITION		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	CLASS 6BA	98.9%
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	CLASS 4D	97.8%
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	CLASS RECEPTION R	97.6%
This week's Overall School Attendance Rate >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>		94.1%
The Attendance Rate since the Start of the School Year >>>>>>		95.9%