



Courage, Joy, Kindness, Perseverance, Responsibility
Newsletter - 13th July 2018

The Ideas Partnership - Can You Donate Your School Shoes?

If you believe that your child's school shoes will no longer fit by the new term in September, please can your child leave their shoes on their desk on the last day of term. The shoes will then be donated to a child who needs shoes to attend school in Kosovo. There are a number of children who have been displaced due to war who are currently not able to attend school without shoes. If your child is happy to donate their shoes, please make sure they bring alternative footwear to school to travel home in. Thank you so much for your support! If you would like further information about the charity please visit www.theideaspartnership.org.

Attendance

In September 2018 we will be adopting the ACE wide attendance policy. This will be available to read on our website. Please note we are not able to authorise term time holidays under any circumstances. We are only able to authorise absence for a significant or exceptional reason or for illness / medical appointments that cannot be made in holidays.

Find below the term dates for 2018 - 2019:

Autumn 1 - 5th September - 18th October

Half term Break: 22nd October - 28th October

Autumn 2 - 29th October - 20th December

Christmas Holiday - 21st December - 7th January

Spring 1 - 8th January - 15th February

Half term break - 18th February - 24th February

Spring 2 - 25th February - 5th April

Easter Holidays - 8th April - 23rd April

Summer 1 - 24th April - 24th May

Half term break - 27th April - 2nd June

Summer 2 - 3rd June - 25th July (with one mid term inset day on Monday 1st July)

Summer holiday begins 26th July 2019.

Inset Days will be on: 4th September, 19th October, 7th January, 23rd April and 1st July

In March 2016 the Department for Education (DfE) published a report on the link between absence and attainment in Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 4. They found that in general, the higher the overall absence rate across the Key Stage, the lower the likely level of attainment at the end of Key Stage 2. The findings are based on the attainment of pupils at the end of Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 4 in state-funded mainstream schools in the 2013/14 academic year, compared to their level of absence across all years in the relevant Key Stage.

The report concludes that pupils with no absence are 1.3 times more likely to achieve level 4 or above (the expected standard), and 3.1 times more likely to achieve level 5 or above (greater depth or the high standard) than pupils that missed 10-15 per cent of all sessions. They found that the link between absence and attainment has remained similar over the past six academic years.

Oliver

Year 5 and Year 6 will be showing their end of year performance of Oliver on Tuesday 17th July at 6.30pm and Wednesday 18th July at 1.45pm. Please do come along to support your child - you are in for a treat!

Accelerated Reader Books

Please make sure these are returned to class before the end of term.

A Word From The PTA

Firstly, we would like to say a big THANK YOU to all the children, parents and relatives who have helped fundraise this year. And also to all the parents and teachers who have helped run the events. We couldn't do it without you. As mentioned in a letter sent home last week, we desperately need new helpers, so please return your forms to the PTA box in the main reception.

Sponsored Read

Thank you to all those who completed the sponsored read on 25th -29th June. Please can you make sure you have handed in your monies and sponsorship forms.

Summer Reading Challenge

All the children have been challenged by St Agnes Library to read 6 books in 6 weeks starting tomorrow!

Payment For Trips / Swimming Lessons / Camps

Please note that although payments for extra -curricular activities are voluntary, we are not able to run these without contributions from you. Any child who receives the (income based) pupil premium is eligible for a 50% discount. If your child is not eligible for the pupil premium but you have difficulty paying for any activities, please speak with Mrs Mills. We want to continue providing our children with all these additional wonderful experiences but we do rely on financial contributions from you. Thank you for your support!

Have a super weekend in the sunshine!

Summer Term 2018 Diary Dates

- Monday 16th - Friday 20th July - Art Week
- Monday 16th July - Year 6 Surf Cadets
- Tuesday 17th July - Year 5 & Year 6 performance of Oliver - 6.30pm
- Wednesday 18th July - Year 5 & Year 6 performance of Oliver - 1.45pm
- Thursday 19th July - Do It Day!
- Tuesday 24th July - Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.30am
- Tuesday 24th July - Break up for the summer holidays