



Message from Headteacher

LATE ARRIVALS

On Monday and Tuesday we had 37 children arrive late to school in the morning. Whilst I appreciate that occasionally this cannot be helped, it is potentially becoming too frequent for some.

Being late for school has a negative impact on your child's learning. Being just 10 minutes late every day adds up to an hour a week of lost learning. Over a year this adds up to one week of school missed in a year!

Being late for class often means important instructions are missed and the class is interrupted. Your child may feel uncomfortable and on the outer with peers.

Children need to arrive on time ready to settle into their school work. Arriving at least 5 minutes before the bell (when classroom doors open at 8.45am) allows your child to interact with their peers and teacher and get themselves ready for their busy day.

Attending school regularly and arriving on time helps prepare children for the real world, where it is expected that they turn up to work every day and on time.

Thank you for your continued support.

What's on next week

Monday 25th November:

- KS2 Football 3.20-4.20pm
- Lego Club 3.20-4.20pm
- Year 6 Late Birds
- Non-Uniform Day – Donations to Pathways

Tuesday 26th November:

- Choir 8.20-8.50am
- 12.15-1.15pm Gardening Club
- Singing, Woodwind & Guitar Lessons
- KS2 Healthy Lifestyle 3.20-4.20pm
- Year 5 Late Birds

Wednesday 27th November:

- Street Dance Club 8.15-8.45am
- Violin & Keyboard Lessons
- Year 6 Reading Workshop 9am

Thursday 28th November:

- Drum Lessons
- Year 4 Swimming Lessons
- KS1 Team Games 3.20-4.30pm
- Year 3 Late Birds

Friday 29th November:

- KS2 Extreme Sports 3.20-4.20pm
- Year 4 Late Birds
- Christmas Fayre 4.30-7.30pm
- Non Uniform Day – Cake Donation



Years 1 & 2

In our writing lessons we planned a new adventure story; deciding who our characters will be, where our stories will take place and what adventure will happen. Our stories were then written, following our plans.

In maths, Year 1 have been ordering numbers up to 20 and identifying increasing or decreasing numbers within a sequence.

Year 2 have estimated and used centimetres to measure items around the classroom, using rulers and tape measures. Part of our maths was an investigation to find out if our arm span is the same length as our height.

Years 3 & 4

Years 3 & 4 have loved foraging this week as part of their theme lessons. The children were delighted to go outside to forage for materials they wanted to investigate for their 'dying' qualities. We have tested a range of natural materials and found out which ones we think the Anglo Saxons and Vikings would likely use to dye their clothes.

If you want to try this at home wear old clothes - it could get messy!!

In our English lessons this week we have planned and written an innovated saving the monster tale. This has been modelled on the old tale of Beowulf from the dark ages. We have used inverted commas for direct speech - this week's homework is based on this. Please check it out.

We are also enjoying our dance lessons with Mr Squire and it has been pleasantly surprising seeing the children get so into dancing to a count of 4 or 8.

Years 5 & 6

Years 5 & 6 have again worked pleasingly this week. We have been extremely busy preparing our stalls for the Christmas Fair. During them we have devised a piece of music, sketched a place on Alchemy Island where our portal might bring us out and we have written a fantasy story where we have been teleported to another place.

Thank you to all parents and carers who have continued to support with homework and ensure their children are fully prepared for school.

A big thank you.....

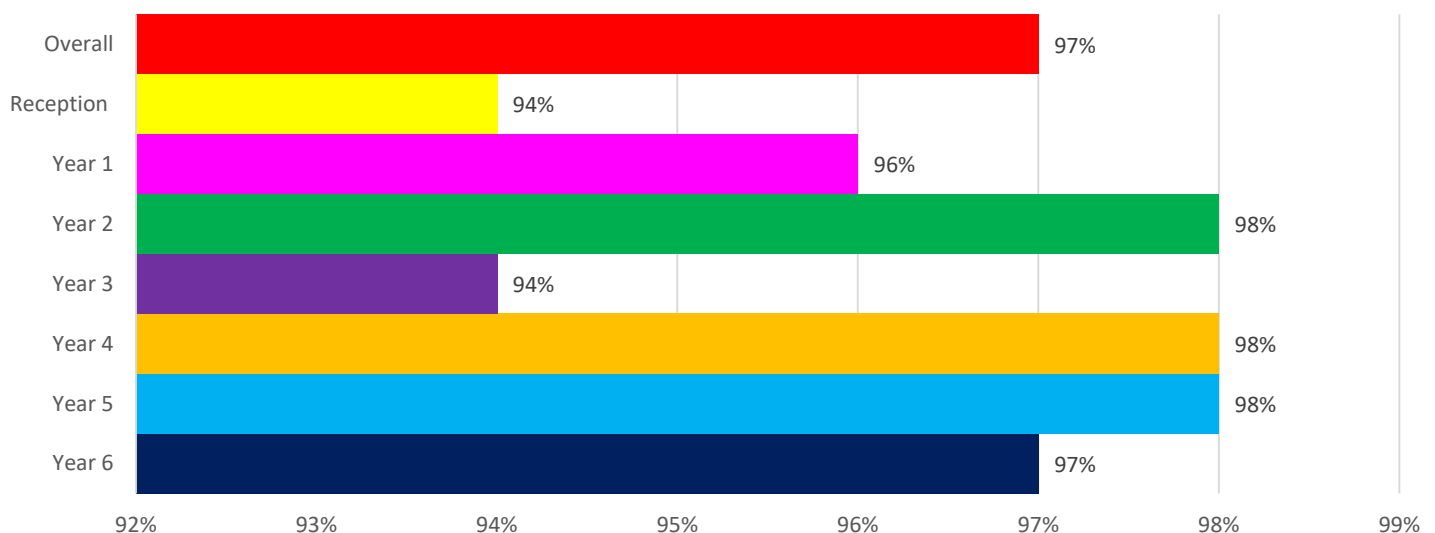
One of our parent's dropped some money outside school on Thursday – a big thank you to the lady with the push chair who called out to her and returned the money.

SWIM HATS – FOR SALE





We have a supply of blue swim hats for sale from the school office at £2 each.



Weekly Attendance by Class
Week Commencing 11th November 2019



House point totals
Week Commencing: 11th November 2019

	175		209
	97		193



Sensory Processing Course

For parents with children diagnosed with ASD / ASC, this may be a useful course to attend if you are able to.

Children can have sensory processing needs without ASD/ ASC diagnosis so if interested, please book through the email indicated on the flyer.

Should you choose to attend, please let Mrs Cadman know.

Kind regards

Mrs Cadman.

Children's Choice
therapy service

Understanding Sensory Processing

A course for **parents** to consider what Sensory Processing is, how it impacts everyday life and to begin to think of strategies to help!

Wednesday 12th February 2020 10am – 2pm

Cost £15 (light lunch provided)

This course is hosted by Children's Choice Therapy Service Ltd and will be held at the Occupational Therapy and Sensory Integration Centre (DE13 9PD)

For all enquiries and booking:

childrenschoicedept@hotmail.com

Alison Hart MBAOT MScOT(Community)FHEA

Festive Film Nights

Letters have gone home about our fantastic festive film nights running throughout December. To guarantee your child's space at one of these fun nights please make the necessary payment via ParentPay.

EYFS and KS1 – Santa Buddies 10/12/19

EYFS and KS1 – Arthur Christmas 18/12/19

KS2 – Nativity 04/12/19

KS2 – Elf 11/12/19

Lichfield Poetry Festival

A huge congratulations to Daneen in Year 6 who has made the shortlist in the Lichfield Poetry Competition. The winners from each category will be announced at a prize giving event, taking place at Lichfield cathedral on Thursday 28th November at 5:15pm. Judge Michael Symmons Roberts and The Very Reverend, Adrian Dorber, Dean of Lichfield will be presenting the awards. Fingers crossed for Daneen - well done, we are very proud of you.

Following the prize giving event, judge Michael Symmons Roberts will be giving a performance and talk about his own poetry in the Cathedral, starting at 7pm. The age advisory for this event is 11+. Bookings are made online. <https://www.lichfield-cathedral.org/the-word/the-word-poetry-festival>

Winter Approaching

Please be aware that at times during the cold weather the ground, playground and surrounding footpaths can be very icy. Please do remind the children to take care coming to and leaving school. **Parents and Carers are reminded to keep to the gritted footpaths around the perimeter of the school building at all times.** It is imperative that pedestrians do not walk across the car park at any time. During icy weather the footpaths are gritted for your safety. Thank you

If for any reason the school has to close due to adverse weather, a text message will be sent to all parents and the county council website page for school closures will be updated. Staffordshire County Council

<http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/schoolsandcolleges/emergencyclosures/emergencyschoolclosures.aspx>

Non Uniform Days and Christmas Fayre

I understand that it is not always possible to help by being a volunteer, so we would really appreciate your support with donations for our stalls or raffle prizes.

In addition to this we have also chosen to support a well deserving local charity; Pathway Project. Pathway Project works to support adults, young people and children, who are experiencing or affected by domestic abuse. Pathway aim to provide a range of high quality services, meeting the needs of abused adults and children, in a caring environment. This is a very valuable service and one that we are proud to support. Further details can be found at www.pathway.project.co.uk Please see the flyer on this newsletter that explains how Your donations get spent.

Please note there will be Non Uniform Days as follows:

Monday 25th November –
suggested £1 donation for Lichfield Pathways Project

Friday 29th November –
CAKES donation for Christmas Fayre

Thank you
Mrs Grainger

It's almost time. Everything is in place for the launch of 'Elfridges pop-up shop. Wrapping paper selected, team Elf on stand by and some Fab-U-Lous items ready for you to buy for your family or friends. Items range from £1.50 -£3 so come along pick your gift and one of the Elf team will help you to wrap it up as a surprise for Christmas day.



Looking forward to seeing you there,
Senior Elf Advisor

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Christmas Disco and Fayre
Friday 29th November 2019
4:30pm - 7:30pm

Prize Draw	• Craft Stalls
Elfridges	• Games Galore
Santa's Grotto	• Mulled Wine
Mrs Claus Kitchen	• Glitter Tattoos
Reindeer Food	• Tombolas

£1 Entry

