



Summer Term

# Friday Newsletter 7

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Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018

## Reminders:

**Monday:** Rounders - 15:15 – 16:15

**Tuesday:** Music Club - 15:15 – 16:00 / Dance Club - 15:15 – 16:00

**Wednesday:** Rounders - 15:15 – 16:15 (last one)

**Thursday:** World Cup Lunch / Year 3 Trip Murton Park / Drama Club 15:15 – 16:15

Welcome back to the final half term of the school year. We hope that you had an enjoyable holiday and that your child is feeling refreshed and happy to have returned to school.

## Attendance

Week Ending 25.05.18	%		%
Nursery	95.81		
RH Miss Hollis	77.17	3HM Mrs Hayton & Mrs McGarrell	95.00
R1W Mrs Wood	74.62	4L Mr Lodge	95.43
1:2M Miss Mullins	90.67	5I Miss Inman	95.14
1:2CS Mrs Charles & Mrs Somerville	88.39	6W Mr Willmott	91.67

Attendance is absolutely appalling with a combined total of 90.06% only! As a result in the increase in unauthorised absences the governors are having to review the school attendance policy. It is highly likely that fines will be introduced in the near future. As a Headteacher it saddens me that parents do not appreciate the impact school attendance has on their child's progress and social skills in school. Taking holidays in term time does have an impact on the vast majority of children's learning.

Permission for term-time absence is only granted in "exceptional circumstances".

**A family holiday is not an exceptional circumstance.**

## Year 5 – Residential Meeting

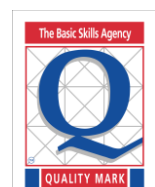
A reminder that a meeting has been arranged for Year 5 parents on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 3:30pm and again at 5:00pm. At this meeting we will discuss the venue, dates and costings. This should give you time to start a savings plan if you would like your child to take part in a great Outdoor Pursuit week at the end of Year 6.

## Year 3 – Residential Meeting

Please note that Year 3 parents should have received today a letter inviting them to a meeting to discuss the forthcoming residential visit to Boggle Hole in March 2019. The meeting is on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 3.30pm – 4.00pm in the Year 4 classroom.

## Mr Lodge

I wish to confirm the rumours that after **31 years of teaching** Mr Lodge will be retiring at the end of this term. It will be a huge change to everyone, staff, children as well as parents! I know that many of our parents have been taught by Mr Lodge, and he has influenced a great many lives in his 31 years of service to our school. Indeed our new Headteacher Mr Swift was once one of his students! We also have his legacy of the school garden and the planted shield by the main entrance to thank him for. Details of the staffing arrangements for 2018/19 will be given in due course.



## **Carnival**

Plans for our Carnival are in full swing, Don't forget to have that clear out! You can help make the day a success by donating toys, books, home baking, tombola prizes or your free time!

- **Toy Tombola** – Clean unbroken toys, complete games and jigsaws
- **Tombola** – Unwanted gifts, toiletries, jewellery
- **Wine** – For the popular bottle stall, always a favourite and we are low on supplies!
- **Books** - Books for babies and toddlers right through to adult novels. (Please remember that it is a school event and books should be of a suitable content!).

We're also on the lookout to secure raffle prizes and vouchers from local businesses. If you or anyone you know has their own business and would be willing to donate something (no matter how small) please, please get in touch. Thank you.

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