



WEEKLY NEWS



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Safeguarding

You may have seen the news this week where there was a case of online grooming. I know I go on about this a lot but please monitor your child's activity online. We hear every week of children talking to other children about what they get up to online. If we have concerns, we will contact you and arrange a meeting to discuss our worries.

As always, if you feel you need to talk to someone about safeguarding or have any concerns regarding a child then please contact school and ask to speak to Mrs McClean, Mrs Wood, Mrs Somerville or Mr Swift.

Parents' Evening

On Monday we will be opening the online booking system for the Parent Teacher Consultation appointments (Wednesday 13th February). This will be done through our texting service. If you have not provided us with your mobile telephone number, have recently changed your mobile telephone number and not informed us or do not have a mobile telephone, please contact the office who can book an appointment for you. Because some appointments are later on in the evening, there is no need for children to attend; however they are more than welcome to come along with you if you wish.

For the appointments that are between 2:30 and 3:10, you will need to access your child's classroom from the outside (where the children come in on a morning). After this we are asking all parents/carers to enter through the main entrance.

If your child has a 'One Page Profile' or a 'Supporting Me to Learn Plan', the class teacher will contact you (or may already have contacted you) to arrange a time on a different day to discuss your child's progress and talk about their targets. Other than these exceptions, it is imperative that somebody comes to represent each child. If you are unable to make the actual day, then please contact your child's class teacher who will arrange a mutually convenient time with you.

Important Upcoming Dates

Date	Event
07/02/19	6W Class Assembly
13/02/19	3HM Class Assembly
13/02/19	Parents' Evening
14/02/19	DT Themed Day
06/03/19	PTA Event – Books Butties & Brew
07/03/19	World Book Day
21/03/19	1:2CS Class Assembly
25/03/19	Class Photos
27/03/19- 29/03/19	Boggle Hole Residential – Year 4
28/03/19	1:2M Class Assembly
03/04/19	Easter Service 2pm Church

After School Clubs

KS1 Singing Tuesdays 15:15 – 16:15

Netball 23rd & 30th Jan

Hockey Club 21st, 28th Jan, 4th, 11th Feb

Boccia Club 24th and 31st January

Dodgeball Club 29th January, 6th, 13th, 27th Feb

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Parent Hub

Thank you to all those of you that have already downloaded the app and signed up to Parent Hub. So far, 92 parents/carers have signed up. This means that there is still a very large amount of parents/carers who have not signed up. Remember, after February holidays this is the way we will be communicating to you. It will save a huge amount of admin time and photocopying costs – money that can then be spent on the children.

Running Track

If you have been to school this week you will have noticed that our running track is progressing well and should be finished next week. We will need to wait 2 weeks for everything to set before we start using it. Mrs Somerville, a very keen runner, is very excited about this and can't wait for the children to be able to use it! It will be such a fantastic addition to our lunchtime provision!

Brass Lessons

Reminder we do have spaces for children in Key Stage 2 to learn a brass instrument. If you are interested in this then please contact the School Office.

Attendance

Mrs McClean has been completing her half-termly monitoring of attendance. It is pleasing to see that the number of children who are classed as persistently absent (below 90%) has reduced. Some of you will have received letters though to say that your child's attendance has slipped. Although illnesses can't be avoided, it is imperative that children are in school as much as possible. Mrs McClean and I are meeting with our Education Welfare Officer next week to discuss attendance and the introduction of fixed penalty notices for those who take holidays during term time. The governors will write to you all once this has all been discussed and agreed.

On a positive note, attendance was fantastic last week – please keep this up so that we can beat our school target. Also, well done to Miss Simpson's class (5S) who were the winners for last half term by being the class with the most weeks above 96%. They enjoyed a non-uniform day last week. Let's see which class are the winners this half-term!

Punctuality

The number of children arriving late for school every week is increasing. As page 3 of this newsletter mentions, 28 children were late last week. This is unacceptable! Even being late a few minutes has a negative effect on a child.

Being punctual means.....



..... making sure you are at school on time and ready to learn

Every minute counts...if you are late for school or lessons it all adds up to lost learning over the school year!!



ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Attendance Update

CLASS	LAST WEEK OF TERM	YEAR TO DATE
NURSERY	97.86	96.19
RH	98.18	96.58
R:1W	98.00	96.30
1:2M	98.62	98.06
1:2CS	99.64	97.14
3HM	98.89	96.20
4I	98.92	96.63
5S	97.21	97.17
6W	95.93	96.26

Attendance Indicators

98% + WELL ABOVE THE SCHOOL TARGET – OUTSTANDING ATTENDANCE

96% + AT OR ABOVE SCHOOL TARGET

BELOW 94% - CAUSING CONCERN AND LESS CHANCE OF PROGRESS

90% & BELOW – PERSISTENT ABSENCE – SERIOUS ATTENDANCE CONCERN

WHOLE SCHOOL Target = 96%

Last Week –
98.10%

Year to Date –
96.73%

CONGRATULATIONS TO 1:2CS FOR THE HIGHEST ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK WITH 99.64%.

A BRILLIANT WEEK OF ATTENDANCE FROM ALMOST EVERY CLASS. LET'S KEEP THIS UP!!!

Punctuality

28 children arrived late for school last week of term. They missed a total of 7 hours and 36 minutes of learning time!