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Week 15 Newsletter

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Dear families,

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2023! We hope everyone has had a fun and restful Christmas break and the new year has started well! We have high hopes for 2023...let's get started!

Christmas events: Despite the health issues affecting so many pupils and families during the final week of term we managed to complete all of the exciting things that we had planned...parties, shows, cinema visits and gifts! Anything that wasn't handed out (cards, gifts, etc) will be prepared in class for collecting when pupils return! We ended the year with more lost property than ever before, please ensure that all items are clearly named. It was a wonderful Christmas programme for all pupils and we're delighted that everyone enjoyed so much that we organised. We also worked successfully with some amazing people in our local community to provide support to some families with food hampers and/or vouchers to support the cost of Christmas. The raffle raised an absolutely amazing £2180 which will really help us to pay for future activities...thank you so much! Lastly, the school's Christmas food bank donation was very much appreciated and useful for families in the local area...thank you all again, incredible work!

Club Launch: Please note that the Spring 1 clubs launched today at 10am in the usual way. The Y3/4 cooking club is only open to those who haven't attended since September but we hope to be able to open it back up to all next half term.

Spring Term Diary Dates: Please see a comprehensive list of diary dates on the page below. This term is traditionally quieter before the Summer Term comes at us with gusto! These dates are added online and updated regularly. Any new events or significant changes will be referenced on weekly newsletters.

Attendance: Could we please ask that all families note the poster attached about when pupils should and shouldn't attend school. If your child is not well enough to attend please call the absence line on 01226 760939 before 9am (or 12noon for PM nursery) and state your child's name and class as well as a detailed reason/symptoms. Many parents do not contact us and this means that staff have to chase up the absence for safeguarding reasons. We also receive lots of messages saying the child is 'ill' or 'not well' but we need to log reasons or symptoms please. Even if we know the reasons for a child's absence, when attendance falls below the school target of 97% (or declines rapidly) we will write to you about supporting an improvement in attendance rates. If your child falls below 90% school will be contacted by the Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) to make sure that plans are in place to see a significant improvement in attendance rates. To put the 90% attendance figure in to context, this is a crucial area that we track as the school is judged on persistent absence rates. **To fall below 90% your child would have missed 19 days or more over the school year.** Research shows the impact of persistent absence on progress and social and emotional wellbeing so we have to stress that every single school day matters. The next attendance review with our EWO is on Tuesday 24th January when we will next send letters about concerns or invite families in for meetings.

Please note that pupils in F2 who turned five years old between September 1st and December 31st are now class as legally required to attend school and their attendance will be tracked in-line with the rest of the school. Our attendance has dipped from 97.4% to 96.6% over the challenging, final few weeks of the Autumn Term so we hope to get back on track now with high attendance, 100% punctuality and outstanding standards of uniform. Standards really do matter and we want to be the best school in the World, not just in the region!

The following link has some useful advice on attendance and the law:

<https://childlawadvice.org.uk/information-pages/school-attendance-and-absence/>

Poster mentioned above:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1070910/UKHSA-should-I-keep-my-child-off-school-guidance-A3-poster.pdf

We would like to wish all pupils and families a very happy, healthy and prosperous new year! Let's make it a good one!

Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher

Mini-Diary and School Statistics (Week 14 and averages)

Attendance for the year so far: 96.4%

Attendance last week: 89.1%

Late marks last week: 4

Class of the week for attendance: F2 Superstars with 94.5%

GOOD to be GREEN 2022/23 average: 99.1%

GOOD to be GREEN last week: 99.7%

What is happening in school this week? (Week 15)

Weekly themes: Music- Prince; Wellbeing- Kindness; Week 1 dinner menu

Tuesday 3rd: INSET day- no pupils in school, clubs launch online at 10am

Friday 6th: Star of the week assembly, lunchtime DISCO, Val in school (counsellor)

Spring Term Diary Dates 2023

January

w/c 9th: All clubs begin

Tuesday 10th: KS1 suitcase story theatre in school (AM)

Thursday 12th: Y3/4 sportshall athletics

Thursday 12th: Final prospective tour for new families (5-6pm)

Friday 13th: Deadline for new F2 applications

Thursday 19th: potential Y3 and Y4 visit

Thursday 19th: Y1/2 sportshall athletics (selected pupils only)

Monday 23rd: Y5 Greek themed day

Tuesday 24th: Whole school attendance review with EWO, Y6 SATS meeting in school (5-6pm) for parents/carers

Wednesday 25th: Y6 maths pupils at challenge day (selected pupils)

Thursday 26th: Y5/6 sports hall athletics (selected pupils)

Thursday 26th: Family Quiz Night 5.30-7pm (school hall) limited availability

Friday 27th: Y1/2 gaming day (free breakfast club 8-9am and free family sessions 3.15-4.15pm)

Monday 30th: Mr Kaye assembly and Zoom meeting Y1 families 5-5.20pm for phonics

February

Wednesday 1st: Zoom meeting Y3/4 families 5.00-5.20pm for multiplication table checks

Thursday 2nd: Y5/6 basketball (selected pupils)

Friday 3rd: Val in school

Friday 3rd: Y3/4 gaming day (free breakfast club 8-9am and free family sessions 3.15-4.15pm)

Monday 6th: Assessment Week across school

Tuesday 7th: Safer Internet Day- information for pupils, families and staff about staying safe!

Wednesday 8th: Launch Spring 2 clubs (2pm)

Wednesday 8th: SPRINGVALE MUSEUM EVENT (please save the date and attend when you can between 4pm and 7pm) more details on next week's newsletter but please do attend to experience our curriculum in full!

Thursday 9th: Y3/Y4 field archery event (all pupils in school time)

Friday 10th: Y5/6 gaming day (free breakfast club 8-9am and free family sessions 3.15-4.15pm)

Friday 10th: Break up for half-term

MONDAY 13TH TO FRIDAY 17TH (HALF TERM)

w/c Monday 20th: Bedtime story week (events and Literacy focus all week)

Monday 20th: 5pm parents' evening launch online

Weds 22nd: Extra EYFS times for parent appointments

Thursday 23rd: Parents' Evening (F1-Y6) 1.30-7.30pm- progress and attainment updates

Friday 24th: Y5 swimming begins (10am-12.30pm every week)

Monday 27th: Whole school attendance review with EWO and KS2 Shakespeare performance (AM)

March

Weds 1st: Y2 SATS meeting for all Y2 families (in school)

Weds 1st: Launch of Marathon March fundraiser for sports/play equipment and reading improvements

Thursday 2nd: World Book Day- book and breakfast events in classes from 8am (dress up as book character or dress down in onesie or PJs)

Monday 6th: DT day in Nursery

Tuesday 7th: DT day in F2

Wednesday 8th to Friday 10th: Y6 on residential

Tuesday 14th: potential KS1 visit

Friday 17th: Comic Relief Day- wear red, family donation, talent show in the PM

Thursday 23rd: 2.30pm Achievement Assembly (award winners' parents invited 2 weeks before)

Wednesday 29th: F2/Y6 height and weight checks

Thursday 30th: Class Photo Day (some individual photos for new nursery pupils)

Friday 31st: Easter Egg competition...this year's theme to be decided by the School Council and announced a few weeks before!

Friday 31st: Break-up for Easter

Easter Holidays: MONDAY 3RD APRIL TO FRIDAY 14TH APRIL 2023

INSET Monday 17th April 2023

Return to school on Tuesday 18th April 2023