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Message from Executive Principal



Although we've not been back long, the first part of spring term has felt purposeful and productive. Children are settled, school feels really calm and there's lots of great quality learning going on. I'd like to thank parents and carers for your engagement with what we're doing. We continue to work on the actions from the Parent Forum and parent survey. Hopefully you are seeing an impact. The action plan with RAG evaluative rating can be found later in this newsletter.

During our staff INSET day after Christmas, we worked on behavioural routines so that we can make every moment in school count. School staff worked together to script routines in detail so that the children can be really clear around expectations; this helps them to feel safe and secure. This has helped improved transitions and meant lessons start even more quickly and purposefully.

We're often asked how you can help your child at school. There are two main things:

- the first is reading with your child every day - this makes an enormous difference
- the second is ensuring your child attends school regularly and is on-time. Where this happens, children are more successful and settled in the classroom, don't miss out on key learning and have stronger friendship groups.

Finally, I would like to share some success with you. The number of children that are persistently absent from school has *halved* since last year. This is a huge achievement and shows that the vast majority of our families are taking school attendance seriously. Thank you for your support with this. I'd also like to extend a thank you to Mrs Boughton for her work supporting families with attendance. Please get in touch with her if she can help.

Have a great final few weeks of the half-term. As always, I am available if I can help with anything.

Mr Seex

Parent Forum Action Plan



Following on from a productive parent forum last term and useful input from the parent survey, an action plan was created. This is continually reviewed and shared in the newsletter monthly. The RAG rating works as follows:

- Red - unsuccessful in the action
- Amber/yellow - some progress made
- Green - good progress made
- Blank - not yet actioned

The aim is to keep you informed of the progress we are making on agreed actions and for the school to be accountable for addressing feedback in a transparent manner. The action plan can be found at the link below:

[SJ Parent Forum Action Plan.docx](#)

The remaining Parent Forums for this year are:

- Tues 5th March, 2.15pm
- Mon 17th June, 4.30pm

We will send information out about these closer to the time.

Attendance



Miss School, Miss Out

Attending school on a regular basis is the key to your child doing well and will set them up with good habits for later life. It will also give your child the opportunity to:

- Make friends and improve social skills.
- Learn new things and develop skills.
- Increase confidence and self-esteem.
- Achieve their potential and fulfil their aspiration.

If you need any help or support, please do get in touch with Mrs K Boughton - Family Support Worker.

Worship



Last half term, our Worship Group planned and delivered an amazing act of worship based on the nativity story. They chose the songs to sing, the bible passages to read and wrote their own prayers. They even set a Christmas colouring competition for the whole school. In January, they will begin planning again for their next act of worship.

Christmas Celebrations



There was an incredible turnout for the St. John's Christmas Fayre at the end of term. This year it consisted of private businesses, craft and food stalls, school-initiated raffles and tombolas, and of course, classroom fun and games. We managed to raise almost £300, so a huge thank you to everyone who attended and contributed. See you at the next one.













Celebration



Year 5 attendance is 99.0% Since Returning After Christmas this is an amazing achievement Well done !!

Well done to all the pupils who have had Star of the Week over the last 3 weeks.

Dates For Your Diary



January

- National Story Telling Week – Mon 29/01/2024

February

- Children's Mental Health Week – Mon 05/02/2024
- Safer Internet Day - Tue 06/02/2024
- Shrove Tuesday - Tue 13/02/2024

March

- St. David's Day - Fri 01/03/2024
- World Book day - Thu 07/03/2024
- Parents' forum - Tues 05/03/2024, 2.15pm
- Mother's Day Lunch – Fri 08/03/2024
- Science Week – Mon 11/03/2024
- St. Patrick's Day – Mon 18/03/2024 (Sun 17th)
- Parent's Evening – Tues 19/03/2024 and Wed 20/03/2024
- Church Service – Fri 22/03/2024
- Break up Easter – Fri 22/03/24

April

- Back to school – Mon 08/04/2024
- Eid-ul-Fitr – Wed 10/04/2024 (Could also be 09/04/2024)
- World Art Day – Mon 15/04/2024
- St. Georges Day – Tue 23/04/2024

May

- May Bank Holiday – Mon 06/05/2024
- KS2 SATs Begin – Mon 13/05/2024
- Break up – Thur 23/05/2024
- Inset Day – Fri 24/05/2024 (school closed to pupils)

June

- Frank Chapman Y4/5/6 (TBC) – Mon 03/06/2024
- Children back in – Mon 03/06/2024
- Y4 MTC begin – Mon 03/06/2023
- Y1 Phonics Screen begin – Mon 10/06/2024
- Father's Day Lunch – Fri 14/06/2024
- Parents' forum - Mon 17/06/2024, 4.30pm

- Sports Day 1 (part of National Sports Week) – Thur 20/06/2024
- Sports Day 2 (part of National Sports Week) – Fri 21/06/2024

July

- Reports Out – Fri 05/07/2024
- Transition @ St. John's – Mon 08/07/2024
- Open Session after reports – Tues 09/07/2024
- Summer Fayre – Tues 16/07/2024
- Y6 Leaver Production – Thur 18/07/2024
- Church Service – Fri 19/07/2024
- Children Break up – Fri 19/07/2024
- Inset Day – Mon 22/07/2024 (school closed to pupils)

Polite Reminder: Smoking Outside School



Polite reminder: we ask that you avoid smoking directly outside of the school site as this can affect everyone. Thank you for your support with this.

Polite Reminder: Language on school premises

It has come to our attention that a small minority of parents/carers are using bad language on the school site. Please remember that children may hear this and using bad language on school premises is inappropriate. Therefore, we ask that no bad language is used on the school site. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

If you have any concerns about things that have happened in school, please speak to a member of school staff and we will be happy to help. This avoids unnecessary confrontations, which can make people feel intimidated.

School Dinners



Thank you for ensuring your child's meals are booked.

We have seen an increase in booked meals.

As communicated in summer, school dinners will now be charged at £2.50 per meal. This should be paid through School Gateway and goes directly to our catering supplier.

All Key Stage One children are entitled to Universal Free School Meals, which means they can order their meals through the Gateway without any charge.

Parking



Please park considerately and safely. As a polite reminder, cars should not park on the zig-zag yellow lines as this space should be kept clear so that children and parents/carers can walk safely to school. It is important that everyone puts the safety of the children first. We have asked for PCSOs to be present outside to support with this.

Please also take note of surrounding houses and ensure drives are not blocked

Contact Us



If we can help, please get in touch on the details below:

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