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A message from the Headteacher

Another half-term has already flown by. I hope you have a wonderful and relaxed week with your children. We are so proud of how hard your children have worked and how much they care about their learning in school.

In assemblies this term, we have talked about kind words, shared stories and our music has been focused on 'being beautiful' in every way. It has been a settled term and all children have transitioned well and risen to the challenge in their new class. Thank you for all your continued support.

Attendance

Attendance is very worrying this term and 10% of days have been missed this half-term across the school. Please support good attendance as your children lose 6 hours and 30 minutes each day, they are absent. This is a lot of learning and this opens up large gaps which become increasingly difficult to fill.

A reminder that is teacher training day on Monday 31st October. Children begin again on Tuesday 1st November 2022

Reminder from the Office

All communication is electronic via e-mail, text message and class dojo. If you are struggling to get the information you need, please call into the office for a paper copy.

Safety

Please do not come up the driveway in your car unless it is exceptional circumstances – this is for the safety of the children as they come in and out of school. We have had a few 'near misses' as traffic on the driveway is busy at peak times. If you need help at the bottom of the driveway, please speak to the staff who will be happy to support you.

Menus

The menus change after half-term – please continue to book via Parent Pay. This has made such a difference to the children's lunchtime as they are not waiting to be served. If you are struggling, pop into the office and we can help!

School Uniform

We have plenty of stock of grey items and some badged uniform in our 'pre-loved' section. Please pop in and take a look if you are struggling. They are £1 an item and the donations are used to support discounted uniform in the summer term.



Maths Whizz

The first set of children have had prizes for being on the "Hall of Fame" for Maths Whizz as they have achieved their target for six weeks in a row. If you are unsure about Maths Whizz, please speak to Mrs Birks or Mr Hanson who can explain how it works to you. The children know how to collect the six jewels and what they need to do so please keep encouraging your children as part of their home learning. Your support is appreciated

Reading

Regular reading is essential for children to develop their fluency and understanding. We would urge you to listen to your children read and discuss their reading books with them. Just 10 minutes a day can make a significant difference to your child's progress.



School Terms and Holiday Dates 2022 -2023

As always, please avoid booking holidays in term-time. They can only be authorised if they are 'exceptional' circumstances. I have limited capacity to authorise holidays. Our registers are externally checked and there are strict guidelines in place.

Autumn Term 2

Term Starts: Tuesday 1st November

Half Term: Monday 24 October – Friday 28 October

Term ends: Friday 16 December

Spring Term 2023

Term starts: Wednesday 4 January

Half Term: Monday 20 February – Friday 24 February

Term ends: Friday 31 March

Easter Holiday: Monday 3 April – Friday 14 April

Summer Term 2023

Term Starts: Monday 17th April

May Day: Monday 1 May

Half Term: Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June

Term Starts: Tuesday 6th June

Term ends: Friday 21st July

We are proud to have been nominated for the Prestige Awards and have been awarded as the winners for 'School of the Year' for our school improvement work and continued progress. It is thanks to the hard work of your children and our staff and the support from all our parents. We still have spaces in some of our classes so please keep supporting us when new neighbours move in!



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