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'Laying the Foundations for Life'

6th September 2024

Hello everyone,

Welcome back to school! Children have settled well and learning is off to a good start!

School Uniform

Everyone looks very smart in their uniform – just a reminder that all items of uniform need to be labelled with your child's name. Thank you for supporting us with our school uniform policy; the vast majority of children are wearing school shoes and correct PE kit on the right days. Sheila is available to support any families who have not been able to get the correct items; don't forget that we have pre-loved items for anyone who needs them.

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club starts at 8:15am and costs £1. Children in Years 1-6 are welcome. Please contact our school office if you would like to book a place.

KS2 playtime snacks

KS2 children are welcome to bring in a healthy snack for playtime. No chocolate, sweets or crisps please. Our younger children have access to fruit within the school day.

Water Bottles

We encourage children to bring in a water bottle each day, clearly labelled with their name. Still flavoured water is permitted. Children in Years 1 and 2 will no longer have milk during the day – this is to reflect a rapid decline in the uptake.

After school clubs

We have five clubs available this half term:

Y5/6 Girls' Football

Y3/4 Matball

Y1 Lego club

Y2 Lego club

Y5/6 Dance

Clubs filled up really quickly – we will ensure that children who 'missed' out this half term get a choice of club over the next half terms. We also keep a 'reserve' list in case children change their mind.



Attendance for this week

	Year 3	97%
Reception	Year 4	96%
Year 1	Year 5	94%
Year 2	Year 6	98%
Average		96%

The school attendance target is **97%**.

Attendance

You will be aware that the government have changed attendance laws – Sheila offered a parents' session last half term outlining changes. Please follow the link for further information:

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/08/19/fines-for-parents-for-taking-children-out-of-school-what-you-need-to-know/>

I have attached a summary version of the above at the end of this newsletter.

Below are the key dates for this term:

Important dates:	
10th-13th September	Meet the teacher meetings – see previous email
12 th September	School Council Election Day
18 th September	School Photographs
25 th September	Maths Party Day
26 th September	European Day of Languages
27 th September	INSET DAY
10 th October	Hello Yellow Day – wear a touch of yellow with your uniform
21 st -25 th October	Stay and Learn sessions – see previous email
24 th October	Spooky Disco
28 th Oct- 1 st November#	HALF TERM
7 th November	Parents' Evening
15 th November	Children in Need Fundraiser
9 th -12 th December	Breakfast with Santa/Christmas fundraiser night – details TBC
13 th December	EYFS Christmas Performance 9:10am
17 th December	KS1 Christmas Performance 9:10am
19 th December	KS2 Christmas Performances Y3/4 families 9:10am; Y5/6 families 2:30pm
20 th December	Break up!
	INSET DAYS:
	Friday 14 th February
	Tuesday 22 nd April
	Monday 2 nd June

*Please note, this year, we will be allocating two tickets per child for our Christmas Performances.

Enjoy the weekend!

J L Clovis

Headteacher

PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CHANGING

FIRST OFFENCE

1

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days
Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

2

SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.

The following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after **19th August 2024**.

3

THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a Parents future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

10 SESSIONS (5 DAYS) OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10-WEEK PERIOD

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.

Please follow the link for the Publication that will start from 19th August 2024.
www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance