



Friday 9th February 2024

Dear parents/carers

Parent Governor Vacancy

We recently sent out correspondence regarding a parent governor vacancy. The closing date for this is 12.00 noon on Friday 16th February 2024.

Pancakes

On Tuesday 13th February 2024, school council will be selling pancakes at morning break. The pancakes will cost 50p each and there will be a selection of sauces and toppings available. Please contact the school office if you are concerned about any food intolerances.

Mr Williams

Goodbye and good luck to Mr Williams who is leaving us on Friday 16th February 2024. We would like to wish him every success in his new job.

Musical Theatre

Musical theatre after school club will finish on Friday 16th February 2024 and will not re-start after the half term break.

February Half Term

School will close on Friday 16th February 2024 and open again on Monday 26th February 2024.

Breakfast and After School Clubs

A polite reminder that you must book and pay for these clubs in advance. Bookings can be made up to 100 days in advance. The cut off for ALL bookings is midnight the night before. After this time, bookings will not be possible. We no longer take bookings for clubs over the telephone. If you are unsure how to make a booking, please do not hesitate to contact the school office and I will be happy to assist you. Please be reminded that children should be dropped off at the door at Breakfast club by a parent/carer - please do not allow children to walk through the playground by themselves. To collect children from After School Club, please ring 01429 870254 and select the After School Club option before you arrive – this allows your child to be ready to leave and a member of staff will ask you to sign them out.

World Book Day

School is participating in World Book Day on Thursday 7th March 2024. Children are welcome to dress up as their favourite book character. This year we are championing children's reading choices, encouraging all children to **"READ YOUR WAY"**.

Throughout the day, children will be working on book related activities to promote the love of reading. Further information on our book fair and how to purchase books will be sent out to you closer to the day along with book tokens for £1 off a book.

Online Safety

Please find below a safeguarding update for your information about gaming that was emailed to you on 11th January 2024:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-games/?scribybrkr=d4b1d009>

Online games can be a great way for children and young people to keep busy and stay in touch with friends and family, but it is important that they play safely. There are a number of things to consider if your child games online, these include age ratings of games they play, messaging and contact functions on the games, in-game purchases, trolling, griefing and scams, how to report problems and where they can get further support.

Key Stage 2 SATS

This year, KS2 assessment tests (SATS) for year 6 children will take place week beginning Monday 13th May 2024. Children must not be absent during the assessment week.

Collecting Children From School Policy

As per the Collecting Children From School Policy, please be reminded that only adults and siblings who are aged 16 and over will be permitted to collect children from school. If you send a sibling under 16, staff will not be allowed to hand over the child.

Staff Car Park

There has been an increase in parents/carers using the staff car park to drop off and pick up children from school and in-particular using the disabled parking space. The car park is strictly for staff only as per our health and safety policy. If you drive up the private road opposite the school when dropping off or collecting, please drive carefully and keep your speed to a minimum. We have had a number of reports of cars being driven erratically and at speed.

When bringing children to school, please ensure you use the pedestrian footpath outside of the school grounds – do not cut across the car park. It has been reported that an increasing number of children are running across the car park after being dropped off on a morning. Children should not be in the car park as there are moving vehicles and delivery vans which could pose a risk to life.

Attendance

Attendance and punctuality are really important. Research shows those children who attend school on time and every day are far more likely to achieve their maximum potential. Please remember the school gates open at 8.40am with lessons starting at 8.45am. Gates close at 8.50am - if your child arrives after this time, they will receive a late mark. **We monitor children who are regularly late to school because our children have told us that they do not like arriving late to school.**

Statutory attendance is monitored and categorised as follows:

GREEN	Above 96%
AMBER	Between 95.9% and 94%
RED	Below 94%

Class 1 - Reception	92.96%
Class 2 - Year 1 and Year 2	94.64%
Class 3 - Year 3 and Year 4	94.92%
Class 4 - Year 5 and Year 6	93.32%
Whole School	93.96%