

Friday News 26.01.2024

School Dinners

Our school council met with our catering providers (EATs) last week. They represented the school brilliantly and spoke very eloquently about the meals in school, what they like and what they think could be improved. EATs would also like parents' views on the meals on offer in school. Please click the link to complete their survey.

Survey: <https://uk.surveymonkey.com/r/28JVPMC>

Car park

Just a reminder for all parents that the staff car park is in use at drop off and pick up by staff, visitors and anyone needing to use the blue badge space. If you are making your way to school, please ensure that you keep your children close to you as many are not stopping near roads / around the car park where there are cars moving around. This could lead to a child being seriously hurt. Once inside the school gates, the children will be safer to run more freely.

Parents Evening

The booking system for Parents' Evening will be live at **4pm** on **Monday 5th February**. Please sign up for an appointment with your child(ren)'s class teacher.

Trips

In our continual drive to reduce paper in school, after the half term holidays, trip letters will be sent home via email only . Consent will then need to be given via your child's Arbor account and payments made as usual. This will negate the need for slips to be handed in.

PD days 2024-25

The school will have the following PD days next academic year.

2nd / 3rd September 2024

4th November 2024

6th January 2025

2nd June 2025

Attendance

Our whole school attendance figure for this week is only 91.2%. This is much lower than the national average for primary schools. Any missed days of school will impact your child's attainment and progress.

We are aware that there have been a lot of illnesses around school. We know it is always a difficult call to make in the mornings about whether your child is well enough to come to school. Sometimes they can present as quite unwell in the mornings but get better quickly by mid-morning. If your child has a temperature, we do ask you to keep them off. However, if your child has a sore throat / cold / mild headache they are often well enough to come in and cope very well at school with these minor ailments.

The NHS has provided some useful information on this. Please see the link here: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Upcoming Dates

1st February - Year 1 class assembly
5th February - 9th February - Children's Mental Health Week
8th February - Year 6 class assembly
9th February - Say Yes Day
12th - 15th February - Bikeability (Year 5 only)
16th February - School disco
19th February - 23rd February - Half term
29th February - Year 2 class assembly
5th March - Parents' Evening
7th March - Parents' Evening
7th March - World Book Day
7th March - Year 5 class assembly
15th March - Red Nose Day
21st March - Year R class assembly
28th March - Year 4 class assembly
Thursday 28th March - last day for pupils
Friday 29th March - Easter holiday starts
12th April - PD day
15th April - Pupils return for Summer term.

Have a very happy weekend!



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“Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them”

MATTHEW 19:14