



NEWSLETTER

"Being kind is never wasted"

8th January 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Attendance

Wk beginning 18 th December:	Sunflower	98.3%
Wk beginning 1 st January:	Sapphire	97.8%

Welcome Back!

As always, it was lovely to welcome back all the children after what we hope was a good Christmas break.

Snowy days

For the first time in a number of years, the weather forced us to close in December. Hopefully, this will not happen again, however, this could change. With this in mind, please ensure that we have the correct mobile phone number on our records and that you check your text messages or the website should you be in any doubt.

Lost Property

We already have many items of clothing in our lost property, so ask you to check in case your child is missing anything. Please ensure that ALL school uniform, shoes, P.E. kit and bags are clearly named.

School Meals

Please note all pupils in KS2 (Years Three to Six) must pay for their school meals unless entitled to Free School Meals. The cost of a school meal is £2.20 per day, i.e. £11.00 per week. If your child has a hot dinner provided by school, please ensure the correct amount is either paid via ParentPay or sent in to school in a named envelope **every Monday**. If there are other events/trips please send the payments separately.

Attendance

The Department for Education has changed the definition of "persistent absence" to deal with the reality of pupil absenteeism in schools and its impact on their learning. DfE figures show that missing 15% of lessons per year is equivalent to having a month off school every year. School age pupils are classed as persistent absentees if they miss more than 10% of their possible sessions in a school year. Having monitored our recent figures for persistent absence, for the first time in a number of years, it has been flagged as an issue with the Attendance and Prosecution Service. We take the matter of attendance and punctuality seriously, therefore, with immediate effect, if your child's attendance drops to 92% we will no longer authorise absences without medical evidence. We hope that you will support us in this matter so that your child can hope to make the progress of which they are capable.

Cinema Visit

Due to the bad weather in December, we unfortunately had to cancel the cinema trip. We have rearranged the visit for pupils to watch 'The Star' as follows – Reception and Years One and Two on Thursday 18th January and Years Three to Six on Friday 19th January. Please note, as previously, any child who was on the behaviour tracker for a total of three weeks during the autumn term will not be able to attend and their parents will be informed.

Swimming Kit

Just a reminder that pupils in Emerald Class will go swimming until February half term. Please ensure your child has their swimming kit in school on a Monday.

Safety on Site

Unfortunately we have recently had incidents where children have hurt themselves while climbing garages around the school site. Please note, once the children have left the care of their teacher, or before the school day has started we cannot be held responsible for their safety.

Term Dates

We would like to remind you of the following dates which you may find useful:

Half-term break	Monday 19 th to Friday 23 rd February
Easter Holiday	Friday 30 th March to Friday 13 th April
Early May Bank Holiday	Monday 7 th May
Half-term break	Monday 28 th May to Friday 1 st June
INSET Day	Wednesday 6 th June
Summer Holiday	School closes on Friday 20 th July

Yours sincerely,

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