



Welcome Back!!

Dear All,

Welcome back to our first term of 2018. I hope that you all had a restful break, a great Christmas and a good New Year and that you managed to escape the huge amount of illness that seems to be around this year. I fell afoul of it at the end of last term so apologies for not managing to send out a Christmas newsletter. We had a great end to the term with a fantastic Christmas fair where once again the teamwork of FOLS enabled extra funds to be raised for school. The children even had a special treat on the last afternoon, with staff performing the KS1 production 'Straw and Order' to all of our children. It was, I hear, a well-received end to the Christmas term. Thank you to all those who took part and donned a costume.



Please remember to sign up to the new school App and website. This will very soon become our default method of communication.

Thank you in advance.

ATTENDANCE

Our attendance levels so far this academic year have been at 96%, which considering the illnesses that have been around has been a positive thing. You may remember after our Ofsted I talked about attendance checks being made and parents being contacted if attendance was below 90%. Please be aware that our next round of checks will be before half term. If you receive a letter asking you to arrange a meeting to discuss your child's attendance, please do not be offended, this is a statutory requirement for us as a school as we need to ensure that our children are in school on a day to day basis. There are almost always legitimate reasons for absence, but as a school we are tasked by the government to ensure we follow up low attendance from any child and offer support if support is needed to ensure a child is in school.

Swimming

There have been changes!

The main change is that instead of year groups going together it will now be pairs of classes. Before Christmas Mrs Rughoobee and Mrs Burgess' classes attended. This term (until Easter) it will be the turn of Mr Flanagan and Mrs Harrison and Langton's classes and then after Easter it will be Mr Kellam and Mrs Davies' classes. I hope this clears up any confusion but changes had to be made due to teaching ratios at the swimming pool.



Please be on the lookout for information about our Sport Relief event this year. Sport Relief week runs from 17th-23rd March 2018 and we are planning a fun fundraising event during that time. Being Sport Relief, it will of course involve being active. Look out for more news towards the end of this term.

General School Reminders

Please could I ask parents to refrain from parking on the grass verges outside the houses of our neighbours. There are double yellow lines on the road and parking on the grass beyond them is not an acceptable way of avoiding this restriction and also makes a mess of the grass.

Please park responsibly around our school. Please let us know if you have new contact telephone numbers or addresses so that we can update our records, Thank you.

Dates for the Diary

15 Jan - Closing date primary applications
17 Jan - Y3 Multiskills at Cooper
25 Jan - Y6 & Reception Height & weight
9 Feb - Last day before half term
19 Feb - First day back after half term
21 Feb - 27 School Book Fair
22 Feb - Y6 Junior Citizen
22 Feb - Parents of 2,3,4,5 &6 music meeting 3.20pm in hall
26 Feb - Parents Evenings this week
1 Mar - World Book Day
29 Mar - Last day before Easter holiday
16 April - First day back after Easter
17 April - Class photographs