

Newsletter February 2024

Attendance

Once again, I would like to thank you all for working so hard with us on improving our attendance.

Currently attendance for the whole school is 95.27% and the percentage of pupils who have missed 10% of their learning so far this year is at 12.74%.

This is a much better position than last year when, at this stage, attendance was 91.82% and persistent absenteeism was at 33.91%.

Thank you.

Punctuality

While our attendance is improving it would appear that our punctuality is getting worse. We regularly have children late to school – some children are late more often than they are on time and we are often sat waiting with children for parents to collect them after school.

We will now begin to call parents in for meetings to discuss punctuality in the same way that we have done for attendance as even 5 minutes late at the start/end of the day can have a hugely negative impact upon children in school.

Parents' Evening

Our next Parents' Evening is on Wednesday 20th March and is now available to book on School Cloud.

Children always benefit when school and home work together so we would love to see you at this event with your child(ren).

School Trips

Thank you for all those who have paid their deposits.

Please start to pay for your child's trip – this can be done in one payment or several smaller ones.

We will continue to monitor payments and keep you up dated with regard to the status of each trip.

If we fail to secure sufficient voluntary contributions, we will be forced to cancel trips as we simply do not have the budget in school to subsidise trips this year.

Academic results and much more

As I am sure you will all have seen, we did amazingly well last year with our year 6 SATs results. We came 8th in Kirklees and 3rd in our local area of Kirklees for children gaining the expected level in Reading, Writing and Maths.

As a small school, these results can vary enormously when each child can account for between 4 and 5 percentage points but it is always worth celebrating success.

We also value and celebrate the efforts your child(ren) put in to all aspects of school life – we appreciate children who are kind, who use good manners, who are good at non-academic aspects of the curriculum and we love those children who try hard even when they find it difficult.

Collecting Children From School

Please see the attached policy for collecting your children from school.
We have added in the use of a password if someone new is to collect your child.

Diary Dates

Friday 9 Feb	Open afternoon from 3.00pm in all classes
Friday 9 Feb	School closes for half term
Monday 19 Feb	School opens after half term
Wednesday 20 Mar	Parents' Evening – booking is now open on School Cloud
Thursday 21 Mar	Reception and Nursery Trip to Little Town of Play
Friday 22 Mar	Spring Assembly – classes 3-4 and 4-5
Friday 22 Mar	School closes for Easter Break
Monday 8 April	School open after Easter Break
Tues 9 and Weds 10 Apr	Eid (TBC)
Thurs 2 and Fr 3 May	School closed to pupils
Monday 6 May	School Closed – Bank Holiday
Thursday 9 May	Class 2 trip to Coal Mining Museum
Monday 13 May	SATs start for year 6
Thursday 23 May	Learning Den trip to Sensory World
Friday 24 May	Open afternoon in all classes – times to be confirmed
Friday 24 May	School closes for half term
Monday 3 June	School opens after half term
Friday 14 June	Classes 3-4 and 4-5 trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Friday 14 June	School Reports sent home
Monday 17 June	Eid (TBC)
Wednesday 19 June	Class 1 trip to Little Piglets Adventure Farm
Thursday 20 June	Class 5-6 Trip to Mission Out
Thurs 27 and Fri 28 June	Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 2 July	Transition Day
Friday 5 July	Sports' Day – weather permitting
Tuesday 9 July	Year 6 Leavers' Show – afternoon – times to be confirmed
Friday 19 July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly – 9.15am
Friday 19 July	School Closes for Summer
Tuesday 3 September	School Opens to pupils