



8th January 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Here we are in 2024! I hope you and your families had a lovely Christmastime and I wish you all a happy and healthy new year.

As always, it is fantastic to have our children back in school and we're looking forward to seeing what the spring term has in store!

Our curriculum

One of the things we know the spring term has to offer, is a whole raft of new and exciting topics to cover within our curriculum ☺ Don't forget that you can access our Curriculum Passports on our website. These give an overview of the learning that will be taking place in the foundation subjects.

Parents' views

The views of our parents and carers are extremely important to us; we would be very grateful if you could please take a few moments of your time to complete a survey – by clicking on [this link](#). The link will be accessible from today until 4:00pm on Friday 19th January. Following this point, the feedback received will be shared with staff and governors and any necessary responses will be provided to yourselves.

Pupils' views

It is equally important to us that our children have a chance to voice their views. Over the next few weeks, surveys will be completed in school by children in year 1 to year 6. The outcomes of these will, again, be discussed as a staff team and acted upon. Governors will also be provided with the children's responses – and any actions we have taken.

Online calendar

Please can I remind you that our online calendar (accessible from the home page of our school website – or by clicking on [this link](#)) has an up-to-date list of all events currently planned to take place. This is updated regularly and can be filtered to enable you to search for events in specific year groups. Already on there we have dates for discos, a much anticipated dance festival, parents' evenings and more - take a look! More detailed information regarding all events will be shared closer to the time.

Lunchtime Supervisor

Linzi began working as our new lunchtime supervisor last week – the children have made her very welcome! Welcome to the team, Linzi ☺



Attendance

Currently, our overall attendance in school is 95.4% - this (and our attendance data for last term) is above the national average. We are very pleased with this and would like to thank you for your efforts with this. We fully understand that children are unwell at times – sometimes resulting in them needing to be absent from school. We also know that good attendance at school is hugely beneficial for children in so many ways. If you do feel that your child is too unwell to attend school, please remember to call school as soon as possible and either leave a voicemail or speak to a member of the office team stating the reason for absence. If we do not receive notification from parents and carers regarding a child's absence, a member of staff will call home. If we are unable to ascertain a reason for absence / speak to a parent or carer, a welfare visit will be carried out – as per our Attendance Policy. In many instances if, having visited the home, we still have no contact with the parent / carer, we will call the police and request that they carry out a welfare call. We have a duty to ensure that our children are safe and we take this with the utmost seriousness.

Any requests for holidays within term-time are most likely to be unauthorised and evidence is needed for any medical appointments during the school day. If there is no evidence, the absence will be unauthorised.

Polite reminders

Please remember that dogs are not allowed on the school site at all – this includes being carried.

As you all know, parking around the neighbouring streets at drop-off and pick-up times can be very busy. Please park with an awareness of others – particularly bearing in the forefront of your mind, the safety of our children. It is vital that emergency vehicles can always access the school's main entrance.

Could all parents and carers please check Arbor to ensure your details and those of your emergency contacts are up to date. It is vital that this information is accurate. Meal preferences should also be checked to ensure your child is down for either a school dinner or packed lunch. Having the wrong information on here could lead to parents and carers being charged for a school meal when their child had a packed lunch – or school having to cover the cost for a meal that isn't taken. You can check this by logging into Arbor and clicking on 'Quick Actions' – 'Meals' – 'Meal Preference Selection'. If you are struggling to select a meal preference, please contact Karl in the office.

Behaviour

Last term, children throughout the school went on trips and attended experiences in school led by external companies. After each of these occasions – either school staff, staff from the venues visited or the external company staff - commented so positively on our children's behaviour, manners and care for each other. Once again – your children make my job an utter delight and I am proud of them, their fantastic behaviour and the respect they have for themselves and each other.

Warm wishes



Amy Goodwin (Headteacher)

As it is important that school always holds up-to-date contact information for our pupils, please let staff in the Main Office know straight away if any of your personal details (phone numbers / addresses etc.) change. The same applies should you change your mind regarding your options on the photographic consent forms. Thank you.