

Friday News 05.01.2024

Happy New Year!

Welcome back. It was wonderful to see so many excited faces yesterday morning as the children returned to school. We are looking forward to an eventful term with an abundance of learning opportunities. This is the term that we really see the children making excellent progress in their learning.

Attendance

To ensure learning progress for your child, they need to be in school. Whole school attendance dropped last term. There was a lot of sickness around but there were also a lot of children who were taking term time holidays or having a day off here or there for reasons other than illness. These absences impact on your child's education. Miss Prall our attendance officer has produced an attendance leaflet for parents which highlights the importance of attendance. This is coming home with your child today. You can check your child's current attendance on Arbor. The governors have also approved an attendance policy which we have attached which hopefully makes the law on attendance clear and what the school will do if your child is not attending school. It also highlights the importance of informing the school if your child is absent; this is for safeguarding reasons. If you are struggling to get your child to school, please do call the office. We would like to support you to help improve your child's attendance.

Class assemblies

Class assemblies are back this term! Every class will have an assembly for parents and the other classes in their key stage (Key stage 1 - Antarctica, Africa and Oceania) (Key stage 2 - South America, Europe, North America and Asia). The aim is for the children to showcase their learning for you. It provides a great opportunity for them to be able to present to an audience and gain confidence in public speaking. Assemblies will start at **9am** and last for roughly **20 minutes**.

Dates for assemblies:

South America (year 3) - Wednesday 17th January
Africa (year 1) - Thursday 1st February
Asia (year 6) - Thursday 8th February
Oceania (year 2) - Thursday 29th February
North America (year 5) - Thursday 7th March
Antarctica (year R) - Thursday 21st March
Europe (year 4) - Thursday 28th March

Key Dates:

5th February - 11th February - Children's Mental Health Week
19th February - 23rd February - Half term
5th March - Parents' Evening
7th March - Parents' Evening
7th March - World Book Day
15th March - Red Nose Day
Thursday 28th March - last day for pupils
Friday 29th March - Easter holiday starts
12th April - PD day
15th April - Pupils return for Summer term.

There will be more events added to the calendar and we will let you know details soon.

I wish you all a very happy weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S Baker". The letters are cursive and fluid.

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