

Friday News 14.06.2024

I'm sure that June is supposed to be summer! Oh well, we won't let the weather dampen our spirits in school. We had the pleasure of welcoming our new to Reception 2024 parents into school this week. It was an amazing turn out and we are so pleased to welcome them all to our wonderful school. Miss Balaam and I attended the Education Business Awards in London on Wednesday where we were nominated for a sports award. Sadly, we were not victorious on this occasion but it was such an honour to be nominated and that the school has been recognised for all that it does to encourage our children to be active.

Attendance

We achieved **94%** attendance this week which is below the national average. Year 1 are our attendance champions this week as they achieved 98.5% attendance! They were very closely followed by Year 5 in 2nd place with 98.4% and Year 2 in 3rd place with 97.5%.

"Regular school attendance can facilitate positive peer relationships, which is a protective factor for mental health and wellbeing." #MomentsMatterAttendanceCounts

You may have heard in the news that the Department for Education are tightening their guidance on attendance, especially with term time holidays. We are in the process of updating our attendance policy in line with this new guidance. This will be shared with you before the end of term as it comes into force over the summer holiday period.

Trips

There are plenty of trips planned for the rest of the term in school. Just a reminder that most trips now require consent to be given via a Google Form (link on the trip letter) and payment to be made via Arbor. It is very important that both the Google Form is completed and the trip is paid for on Arbor as without the Google Form, we cannot allow the child to attend the trip and without the payment made on Arbor, we may not be able to fund the trip.

Lego Enthusiasts

I know that we have many Lego enthusiasts in school. There is an exhibition of Lego models in Ipswich over the summer that you may wish to visit. Details can be found here: <https://www.suffolkarchives.co.uk/brick-wonders/>

Key dates

21st June - Year 6 to Mercury Theatre - Industry Day
28th June - Dress down day - donations for Bounce BBQ and Fun event
2nd July - Year 4 trip to Imperial War Museum Duxford
3rd July - Royal Shakespeare Company performance (year 5)
5th July - Year 2 & 5 to Felixstowe
5th July - Bounce, BBQ & Fun!
8th July - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly pm (more details to follow)
9th July - Sports Day am (timings and more details to follow later)

11th July - Reports out to parents

16th July - Transition morning in school for pupils to meet their teacher for next year

16th July - Meeting the teacher drop in after school 3:15 - 3:45 an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher for the following year

17th July - Purple and Gold reading non uniform

19th July - Last day of term

Happy weekend everyone!



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"Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to them"

MATTHEW 19:14