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Attendance & Lateness

Our whole school target this year is **97%**. Please make sure your child is in school and on time. Any child coming into the classroom after 9am is given a late mark and after 9.20am is given an unauthorised absence.

Current attendance from September 2017:

Reception – 93.6 %

Year 1 – 92.9%

Year 2 – 93.1%

Year 3 – 95.4%

Year 4 – 95.8%

Year 5 – 94.1%

Year 6 – 97%

Whole School – 94.4%



Number of lates this term & lost learning:

Reception – 19 from 5 children – **703** minutes lost

Year 1 – 4 from 3 children - **41** minutes lost

Year 2 – 34 from 8 children – **582** minutes lost

Year 3 – 22 from 6 children – **262** minutes lost

Year 4 – 5 from 3 children – **43** minutes lost

Year 5 – 29 from 7 children – **311** minutes lost

Year 6 – 10 from 5 children – **81** minutes lost

This is a total of 123 lates from 37 children which equates to 2023 minutes or nearly 6 days of lost learning this term. Nearly 20% of the children that attend school are late. This needs to improve as too much learning time is being missed.

If your child has any unauthorised absences over 4 days (8 SESSIONS) you may be referred for a penalty notice. Fines start at £60 per child, per responsible adult. For example if you have 2 children in school and there are two parents sharing responsibility for the children then you will be fined £240. Fines rise if they are not paid on time. Fines are not only issued for children being taken on holiday but can be given out when children are kept off school for 4 days or more without the Head of School's authorisation.

Sharing Information

You know your children the best and your input to school regarding their education and well-being is very important to us. If parents/carers have concerns or things to share with teachers please do this via the school office, the staff on the gate in the morning, letter or arrange a meeting for before/after school. If you do at any time have a worry or concern please come in and speak to your child's class teacher and if you need further support your child's phase leader is also available. Our phase leaders are part of our senior leadership team and are able to work with your child and their class teacher effectively. For Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 the phase leader is Mr Rylands. For Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Mr Jordan is phase leader. I am always happy to talk to parents but your child's class teacher knows them best and are the best person to talk to in the first instance.



Golden Tickets

This term I have been working with our Year 6 children to look at how we reward positive behaviour. We have decided to introduce Golden Tickets. The children will be rewarded for showing positive behaviour, working hard and being good role models. They will receive a golden ticket which will be placed into the class pot. Every week in Friday assembly 3 tickets from each class will be drawn by the Head Boy and Head Girl and the winners will be able to choose a prize.

In addition, every term any child that does not have a number on their chart over the term will receive a reward at the end of the term. We will send more information out about the golden tickets after the holiday.

Dates for the Diary

30th October – INSET DAY

November

6th – Early Years Open Day

7th & 8th - Parents evening (Year 2 Parents Evening is 7th & 14th)

9th – Y6 swimming for 5 weeks

10th – Flu immunisations

27th – Last week of clubs

December

4th – Book Fair

11th – KS2 Christmas performance - Christ the servant 2pm

12th – KS1 Christmas performance 2pm

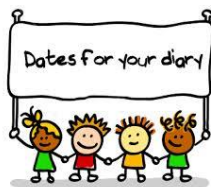
13th – Nursery Christmas performance – 10am

13th – Reception Christmas performance – 2pm

14th – Christmas dinner

15th – INSET DAY & Break up

Please note we will not be holding 6pm performances this Christmas. Over the last few years, fewer and fewer children have returned for the evening performances. Last year more than 25% of the children did not return which has a huge effect on the performances. We hope you understand.



Term Dates & INSET Day 2017/18

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- **Term 1** Monday 4 September to Friday 20 October 2017
- **Term 2** Monday 30 October to Friday 15 December 2017
- **Term 3** Tuesday 2 January to Friday 9 February 2018
- **Term 4** Monday 19 February to Friday 23 March 2018
- **Term 5** Monday 9 April to Friday 25 May 2018 (Monday 7 May is a bank holiday)
- **Term 6** Monday 4 June to Tuesday 24 July 2018

INSET days for 2017/18

Monday 30th October 2017

Friday 15th December 2017

Friday 9th February 2018

Monday 4th June 2018

Friday 13th July 2018



Uniform & PE Kits

A reminder that our school uniform is white tops, black or grey skirt/trousers and blue jumpers or cardigans. The children need to have a PE kit in school. The children do inside and outside PE so will need clothes suitable for outdoor PE such as jogging bottoms/leggings and a sweatshirt/hoodie. The children should not be wearing sports jumpers in the classroom as their school jumper. These are for PE only.

Pedestrian Ramp

We have noticed a number of children climbing on the wall of the ramp and trying to jump over the sides. Children have also been riding bikes and scooters down the ramp very quickly. Please could you stop them from doing this to ensure no accidents occur and everyone remains safe on the school site.



WAS YOUR CHILD BORN BETWEEN

1st SEPTEMBER 2013 AND 31st AUGUST 2014?

If they were, you need to be putting your child's name down at the school you wish them to attend in September 2018. If you know of friends with nursery age children please check they have applied online to the local authority. Even if you have older children at this school you must still apply for a reception place using the online Bristol form. Our Early Years open day is on Monday 6th November. Please ring the school office to book a time to visit. *Please note this is for new Nursery and Reception parents only.*

Smoking in and around the school

May I politely remind you that we are a non-smoking site. This includes all forms of cigarettes and e-cigarettes. I would also ask that you do not smoke outside school by the school gates or in areas children have to walk through to get to or from school. This is a request from the children themselves. I thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Emails

If you would like to receive communication from the school via emails rather than by letter, please make sure the office have an up to date email address for you.



We hope you all have a lovely half term break and we will see you back in school on Tuesday 31st October.

Mrs Morris & the Woodlands Team