



Weekly Newsletter 5th January 2024

WELCOME BACK AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

We are delighted to have welcomed the children back to school after the Christmas holidays and I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break.

On behalf of everyone at school, I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year and we are thoroughly looking forward to making more memories and having more adventures with the children throughout 2024!



ABSENCES AND LATES

Following government guidelines we must closely monitor the attendance of all our pupils. We work with the local authority who also analyse our attendance and identify potential persistent absentees. Persistent absence is classed as attendance below 90%. The local authority have the power to prosecute persistent absenteeism.

We fully understand that the rate of illness this past term has been high, however these occasional absences are not the same as persistent absence. Evidence from the GP will authorise these absences. Lates also affect attendance.

If your child's absence is falling below 96% we are duty bound to carefully monitor this. The amount of learning that can be missed can have a serious impact on your child's attainment, it can also affect their social and emotional wellbeing.

Holidays in term time are **NOT** permitted and will **NOT** be authorised.

Please contact school before 8.45am to inform us of any absences. If we are not informed and cannot contact you, we may make a doorstep visit.

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5TH JANUARY 2024 ATTENDANCE

Attendance for the whole school **91%**

UNIFORM



Can we please ensure that pupils are attending school in the correct uniform. Please ensure your child is wearing school shoes and school trousers or skirts, along with **plain black** joggers or leggings for PE.

We are building up a bank of pre-loved uniform in school so please come to the entrance and help yourself.

Dates for your diary:

15th January 2024 – Closing date for applications for Reception places in September

Friday 9th February 2024 – School closes for half term

Monday 19th February 2024 – School reopens

Thursday 28th March 2024 – School closes for Easter holidays