



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back and a big hello to our new families. I hope you all had a good holiday. The term has got off to a positive start. It's pleasing to see the majority of children in full school uniform and black comfortable shoes, Thank You! The year 5 & 6 children look very smart in their blazers. Some children are not bringing in their P.E kit. Please can you make sure your child has a plain white t-shirt, black tracksuit bottoms, leggings or shorts and plimsolls or trainers. **The P.E kit should be left in school on Monday and taken home on Friday.**

Attendance & Lateness We are updating our attendance policy, which will be on our website by 18th September. As you will be aware attendance and lateness is monitored very closely. If any child's attendance falls below 95% or punctuality is unacceptable then parents will be contacted to arrange a meeting in order to discuss how this can be improved. School may be able to offer different types of support. Even if a child is 5 minutes late, the class is disrupted and the teacher has to repeat instructions. Lateness or absence means they miss valuable learning time. Please ensure your child arrives at school on time, between 8.45am and 8.55am.

Illness If your child is ill, can you please let us know by **9.00am on the day**. For safeguarding reasons we will make contact with you on the first day your child is not in school if we do not hear from you. If your child feels better during the day please bring them to school. Again so that the minimum amount of learning time is lost. Medical appointments should be made either before or after school whenever possible.

Free School Meals All Yr R/KS1 pupils are entitled to free school meals. However, it is still very important that parents who receive benefits still register for free school meals, this enables the school to claim "pupil premium allocation". This additional funding helps us buy new equipment and resources. **Please ask for an application form from the school office if you think you are entitled to claim.**

Governor Vacancy We have 2 spaces for parents who would like to be governors for our school. You do not have to have any experience but just have a general interest in the running of the school and school improvement. There is one meeting every half term, usually afterschool. I am sure you would find the role really interesting. If you wish to find out more or have any questions, please get in touch. If you are ready to apply, please ask Jackie/Joy in the office for an application form.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 3rd Oct—Bushcraft Year 1, 9:00am

Thursday 14th Dec—Flu Vaccinations, 9:30am (more details to follow)

Weekly Attendance—Week ending 8th September

| Group | Authorised | Unauthorised | Possible | % Attend |
|---------------|------------|--------------|------------|-------------|
| R | 1.7 | 0.7 | 100 | 97.6 |
| 1 | 0.0 | 11.7 | 100 | 88.3 |
| 2 | 0.3 | 1.4 | 100 | 98.3 |
| 3 | 0.7 | 5.5 | 100 | 93.8 |
| 4 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 100 | 99.3 |
| 5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100 | 100 |
| 6 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 100 | 99.4 |
| Totals | 0.5 | 2.9 | 100 | 96.6 |

Data collection forms PLEASE CAN ALL DATA COLLECTIONS FORMS BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL BY MONDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER.

Employability Course Friday 22nd Sep, 9:30-11:30 Support if you need help with your C.V or applying for jobs or support looking for work?

Beauty Class Tuesday 26th Sep 9:30-11:30am. Interested in make-up, come join us and learn how to apply make-up as done by professional make-up artists.

ESOL Thursday 27th Sep 9:30-11:30 come & learn how to speak or improve your English, if it is not your first language.

Drop-in support Morning—Wed 9:30-11:30 Please feel free to come along and speak with Parent support worker Naseem Khan regarding any school, home or other matters.



Packed Lunches Please do not send your child to school with a packed lunch if it has not been arranged with the school. They will need to pay for school dinner. At the moment there is a waiting list for packed lunches to ensure we are being fair. If it has been arranged with school, then your child can bring it in the morning and put it in the fridge in sports hall until lunch time.

Class Dojo's Over the next few days, a letter will be sent home with information on how to access the schools dojo system. Your child's name will be on the letter followed by their school house, which are: Ash, Oak, Sycamore & Walnut. Children will be awarded house/dojo points which parents can access. This will also give you information on children's behaviour throughout the day.