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News in School



School is closed on Monday due to the Bank Holiday for the Queen's funeral.

We are looking forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed another wonderful week in school with a range of fantastic things going on. During my drop ins to classes I have enjoyed sharing in the children's learning – particularly the science work in Bat's class when they were using their knowledge of the digestive system to create models of the process.

The week has ended with our first celebration assembly of this academic year. With the departure of Mrs Cotton's Head Teacher Awards we saw Mrs Parker's Seven Stars of the Week pick up their certificates for going over and above in school. Well done to them all – check out the school twitter feed for the photo call.

Attendance is a key aspect of school performance which is monitored by the Local Authority, as well as the Department for Education and Ofsted. Schools' performance in this area is measured against the national average attendance level, which is just over 96%. This week the school attendance figure is 96.87% - so an excellent start to the year. Thank you. Robin's class achieved the highest average with 98.55%. Please do all you can to book doctor's/dentist appointments outside of school hours to assist us in maintaining this excellent attendance level. Thank you.

Thank you to everyone for their curtesy and patience at drop off and pick up. Traffic increases significantly at these times so your regard for safety (and our local neighbours) is very much appreciated.

Following a number of queries regarding school uniform, the school's Uniform Policy was discussed at this week's Full Governor's Meeting. After consideration of parent concerns raised, and staff feedback, Governors have agreed and ratified an updated policy to guide parents in the expectations of the school.

School uniform presents a shared identity for the school community. It is inclusive and ensures equity for all children. It's a visual enactment of the high standards we wish to inspire in the children. Governors recognise that COVID restrictions have impacted on application of the uniform policy, with adjustments and deviations developing over time. As we return to what is now very almost pre-COVID normality in school, it is an ideal time to revisit the policy and to share the expectations with you.

The new policy is attached and will be uploaded to the school website. Governors appreciate that new uniform has just been purchased and they do not expect parents to replace uniform immediately but have agreed a transition period through to the end of February 2023. Please review the new policy and ensure that, as uniform is grown out of, you replace this with uniform items that meet with the school's uniform policy, supporting us to inspire high standards for the children in all that they do.

If you have any queries about the contents of this letter or any other aspect of the school's operations, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Your faithfully,

Mrs M Parker
Head Teacher