



### Attendance for Last Week in December

*Our School Target is 97%*

**LAST WEEK WE ACHIEVED 95.4%**

*Class percentages for LAST WEEK :*

Nursery (Seahorses)	-92.1%
Reception (Turtles)	- 90.3%
Year 1 (Jellyfish)	- 95.9%
Year 2 (Puffins)	- 100%
Year 3 (Sharks)	- 97.3%
Year 4 (Penguins)	- 95.2%

**Well done Puffins!**

### STARS OF THE WEEK

Jack Forsyth  
Kamil Sikora  
Annie Falkous  
Alicia Allen  
Joshua Nelson  
Talia Douglas

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### 2018 SCHOOL DIARY

Thursday 18th January	Swimming Restarts for Y1
Friday 19th January	Swimming Restarts for Y3
Tuesday 23rd January	3.15pm - Meeting for Y3 Parents : Robinwood 2018
Thursday 8th February	9am- Jellyfish Class assembly
Friday 9th February	9.30am - Parents invited to classrooms after assembly
Friday 9th February	3.15pm -School Closes for Half Term
***NEW*** Monday 19th February	School Re-opens for Spring Half Term 2
***NEW*** Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th, Wednesday 21st March	3.30pm—Parents' Evenings
***NEW*** Thursday 29th March	2pm—School Closes for Easter Holiday

### A NEW YEAR PUSH ON PUNCTUALITY!

During last half term we recorded 121 occurrences of pupil lateness. Although it was a long term, this was still much higher than the same time last year. Pupils are recorded as being late for school if they arrive after the doors have closed and come in through the main school doors. Late marks show on children's attendance certificates and we routinely contact parents whose children are regularly late. Our routines start the minute children arrive at school with children completing their meal orders before registering and getting straight on with their independent maths work. Children arriving late miss out on vital learning time and find it harder to settle into the school day.

We have challenged the children to help reduce this lateness figure and setting a target of no more than 55 occurrences of lateness in the whole term across Reception to Year 4 as part of their work towards becoming responsible citizens. Please help us to achieve this target by ensuring your child is at school, ready to come in when the doors open at 8.45am. We'll keep you posted on how we are doing in our assemblies and newsletters.

Parents will also be pleased to hear that we have again reminded the children about the how smart and responsible they look when carrying their own bags to school!



### NEW PRICES FOR SCHOOL DINNERS AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Parents are reminded that the price increases for school dinners and after school clubs came into effect from January 9th. School dinners now cost £2.20 per day (£11.00 per week) - prices have been changed in Live Kitchen. After School Club prices are now £2.50 up to 4.15pm, £3.50 up to 4.45pm and £5 up to 5.15pm.

These price changes are the first we have made in many years and reflect increasing staffing and food costs. We believe that these costs continue to reflect exceptional value for money.

### NEW SEAHORSES JOIN US

Our 8 new nursery children joined us for their first day yesterday. We were really impressed with how they all settled in so quickly, and there wasn't a tear in sight from any of them! Well done to all of the Early Years staff and children for helping them settle in so quickly!

### SWIMMING NEXT WEEK

Swimming lessons for next week are for **Year 1 on Thursday** and **Year 3 on Friday**. Please ensure children come to school with their swimming kit. We ask for a contribution of £4 per lesson (children have 1hr lessons every other week) or £2 if your child is entitled to Pupil Premium.

### IN TO WIN DRAW

This week, the computer has randomly drawn winners from each class for our In To Win Draw. All children with 100% attendance and no more than 2 lates during last half term were entered. The lucky winners of a trip to Spurreli for an ice cream were: Lacey Lowery, Kyle Nyberg, Felicity Barclay, Ellie Wintrip, Tyler Jury and Isla Lewis. This half term is only a short one so it won't be long until we're making our next draw. Children have to be in to win!

### KEEPING A HEALTHY SCHOOL

During the winter period there are often a range of bugs that spread amongst the children who work in such close proximity to one another. Parents are asked to ensure that children are kept off school for 48 hours following any sickness or diarrhoea. Parents are also asked not to bring children who are off school poorly to assemblies in order to reduce the risk of any illness or infection spreading.

### CLASS NEWSLETTERS

Our class newsletters for this half term will be available on the school website very soon. These online newsletters give parents lots of information about what the children are learning about this half term, what can be done to help with this learning at home and some useful links to websites.