



STARS OF THE WEEK

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ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Our School Target is 97%
LAST WEEK: 92.0

Nursery (Seahorses) - 77.1%
 Reception (Turtles) - 91.7%
 Year 1 (Jellyfish) - 96.8%
 Year 2 (Puffins) - 92.3%
 Year 3 (Sharks) - 94.4%
 Year 4 (Penguins) - 84.7%

Well Done Jellyfish!

2022 SCHOOL DIARY

NEW Tuesday 18th January	Weekly swimming lessons for Y1 and Y2 begin
NEW Wednesday 19th January	Weekly swimming lessons for Y3 and Y4 begin
Friday 18th February	School Closes for Spring Half Term
Tuesday 1st March	School Reopens for Spring Half Term 2

HOMEWORK SURVEY

We have noticed a real decline in the level of engagement from many of the children with homework compared to before the Covid pandemic began. Although we don't ask the children to complete large amounts of homework, we do ask them to complete regular, short bursts. Completion of homework will really help children to catch up with some of the learning that they have missed over the last couple of years. Teachers have discussed this and considered a number of ways to help improve engagement with homework. Early next week, we will be sending out an email to parents explaining the situation, giving some of the reasons that the children are telling us they don't/can't complete homework, and asking for parents to answer another short survey to help us understand how we can improve the situation further. This week, we have already started a new reward chart in the hall that will celebrate the classes that have the best engagement with Reading Buddy (Y1-4) and Doodlemaths (Recep-Y4), with the best classes each week receiving some additional playtime. The children seem very excited about the prospect of this reward so hopefully we will be seeing some improvements quite quickly. Please help us by responding honestly to our questionnaire.

COVID SITUATION

We sent out an email just prior to the start of term that outlines some of the measures that we have in place to reduce the risk of the spread of Covid. As with most schools, we continue to battle with a number of pupil and staff absences. We will do our very best to maintain face to face learning for all of our pupils but, as many schools are already finding, this may not be possible. Please follow the guidelines that we have sent you and do not send children into school if they have Covid symptoms. We also ask that government guidelines are followed regarding daily lateral flow testing (for 7 days) of any members of a household in which there is a positive Covid case.

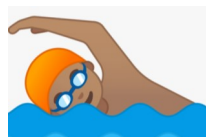
IT IS STILL VERY CONCERNING THAT A LARGE QUEUE OF PARENTS IS FORMING BEFORE 3.10PM AT SCHOOL PICKUP TIME. This is leading to an obvious lack of social distancing, unnecessary mixing and a situation that makes it difficult for us to pair children safely with adults. We are currently looking at how we can make pick up times safer as this situation is not improving.

SCHOOL STAFF

The school staff are understandably nervous of the Covid situation. On a daily basis they work in close contact with pupils to support them in their learning. Their jobs put them at a higher risk of infection so we ask parents to help us by following the guidance and procedures we have in place.

We are also very grateful for the levels of flexibility that the school staff are showing during this difficult time. Staff members are readily stepping in to ensure that things continue to run smoothly and safely for the children and many are going above and beyond their usual job roles. Without this amazing effort from staff we would not be able to continue running school as we are!

SWIMMING LESSONS RESTARTING



This week we have sent an email out to all parents of children in Years 1-4 about weekly swimming lessons restarting on January 18th (see above). After a long period without swimming we are very aware that many children will need extra support to develop their water confidence so have increased staffing levels to support this. So far around half of parents have responded to our email letting us know how they feel their child's current level of water confidence and swimming ability. We have resent this email and hope to hear from all parents in order to help us plan more accurately. We plan for children in Reception (Turtles) to begin their swimming lessons in the summer term.

SCHOOL MILK

Parents are reminded to let us know at the school office if your child would like milk at school. Many children are entitled to free milk but this still relies on parents replying to the letter/email sent from the school office at the end of each term. This week we've had a number of children in school expecting milk but whose parents have not responded to our messages.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS IN JANUARY

Along with Breakfast Club and our daily after school club, other after school clubs will resume next week. Please ensure that your child comes to school with appropriate clothing. Due to Mrs Graham's continued absence, the only club that we are not currently able to run is Book Club. We will let parents know when this club will restart but expect it to be some weeks yet. Clubs restarting next week are:

Gardening - Mondays until 4.15pm Dance - Mondays until 4.30pm, KS2 Football - Tuesdays until 4.15pm, Conservation Club - Wednesdays until 4.15pm, KS1 Football - Thursdays until 4.15pm. If your child is interested in joining a club please check with the school office if a place is available.

PARENTS SHOULD NOTE THAT PLACES FOR CLUBS ARE LIMITED AND WE HAVE WAITING LISTS FOR SOME. IF YOUR CHILD HAS A PLACE IN A CLUB THEY ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND EVERY WEEK.