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STARS OF THE

WEEK

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ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Our School Target is 97% LAST WEEK: 96.0%

 Nursery (Seahorses)
 -97.5%

 Reception (Turtles)
 - 98.4%

 Year 1 (Jellyfish)
 - 98.1%

 Year 2 (Puffins)
 - 91.1%

 Year 3 (Sharks)
 - 97.4%

 Year 4 (Penguins)
 - 93.4%

Well Done Turtles!

ATTENDANCE

At present it is very difficult to calculate class attendance figures accurately due to the numbers of children absent from school with Covid related issues including being part of a closed bubble. We have therefore worked out last week's attendances by ignoring any Covid related issues to give us some kind of figure! This week might be a little more challenging. A small number of parents have asked about keeping their children off school for the remainder of the year. Although this is their choice, we will not authorise these absences or provide remote learning for the children if their class bubble is open. We continue to employ a range of

Covid control measures in school making it as safe as possible for the children who, in many cases, are likely to be mixing with a more limited group of contacts than they may be mixing with out of school.

From September we will be bringing in a new attendance traffic light system that will help us to keep you informed very quickly about changes to your child's attendance status should patterns of absence begin to concern us or overall absence reaches certain levels. Parents will be regularly informed of their child's attendance status by email.



COVID-19 UPDATE

Like many other schools in the UK, Covid issues have continued to give us quite a few challenges to deal with this week.. Following the closure of our Reception and Y3 bubbles last Friday a number of positive Covid cases have been reported to us from these 2 classes; as far as we are aware, all of the Y3 children who have tested positive have been siblings of Reception children. We look forward to welcoming most of these children back on Monday.

Along with losing the children from class bubbles we have also lost a significant number of school staff to self-isolation either linked to bubbles or for other reasons. The staff left in school have done an absolutely amazing job in helping to keep the school open and running safely and smoothly for the classes still in. We are also very grateful to parents who have been extremely understanding and flexible - especially to the large number of you who have been providing packed lunches for the children over the past few days; this has allowed us to still provide a small number of meals to some children. Without your help, and without a fully functioning kitchen, school may have needed to close -an option that we have so far managed to avoid.

WORDS OF THE WEEK

Y1 -autopilot (Robyn C) Y2 - victorious (Sofia) Y4-dilemma (Charlie)

Our words of the week really support the children in developing their vocabulary!

2021 SCHOOL DIARY

Wednesday 14th July	3.45pm—Year 4 Leaver's Awards
Friday 16th July	2pm—School closes for Summer Holiday

CHILDREN'S REPORTS

We'll be sending out the children's end of year reports early next week. Although we have not been able hold parents' evenings, parents will be able to contact teachers directly by email if you would like to arrange a call to discuss their reports further. We apologise that these reports are a little later than we had hoped they would be but have needed to work on other priorities in the last couple of weeks.

DO NOT SEND CHILDREN TO SCHOOL IF THEY ARE ILL!

IT IS ABSOLUTELY VITAL THAT CHILDREN ARE NOT SENT TO SCHOOL WITH ANY COVID SYMPTOMS (HIGH TEMPERATURE, NEW COUGH, CHANGED SENSE OF TASTE/SMELL). IF THEY ARE UNWELL IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE HOUSEHOLD SHOULD ISOLATE AND BOOK A PCR TEST IMMEDIATELY. WE SINCERELY HOPE NOT TO NEED TO CLOSE ANY MORE BUBBLES BEFORE THE

PTA FUNDRAISING—ACTIVITY PACKS

END OF TERM.

This item is repeated from last week—we've already had a good uptake of children wanting packs. Reception and

Y3 will get their order forms next week. Looking for something to fill in the Summer Holidays? Our PTA are selling a range of activity packs to keep the children entertained over the holidays. Each kit is £6 each and contains a variety of crafts, toys and sweets. There are five different

themed bags, rainbows, animals, beach, sports and unicorns. Numbers are limited but please feel free to order as many packs as you wish using the order form sent home today. Packs will be distributed in the last week of term.

SPORTS DAYS

A big well done to all of our Y1 and Y2 children at their mini sports days this week. We'll let parents know when other year group sports days will take place . We hope that next year we'll be able to welcome parents back for the usual much bigger event!

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