



## FRIDAY 17 MARCH 2023

Thank you to all those parents who have signed up for Arbor and thank you for your patience as we resolve issues—we are all learning the new system. After next week, if you haven't ordered your child's lunches, they will not receive a hot meal. Please ask the office for help if needed.

Mrs Frampton

### Attendance

Our expectation for attendance is 96% or above.

Children need to be in school every day and on time to ensure the best chance of reaching their potential.

Please remember that where possible, medical appointments should be made out of school time and the school will not authorise leave in term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Holidays are not considered exceptional circumstances and are likely to result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to each parent for each child.

### Attendance at the end of this week

Whole school: **93%** compared to 93.5% nationally

Year 1: **93.7%** (93.2 nationally)

Year 2: **93.9%** (93.9 nationally)

Year 3: **95.0%** (94.2 nationally)

Year 4: **91.9%** (94.2% nationally)

Year 5: **92.2%** (94.1% nationally)

Year 6: **92.5%** (93.9 nationally)

Our analysis shows that boys attendance is lower than girls—so **if you are a boy in Year 4, 5 or 6, we really need you in school every day!**

### Mr Walsh

We are really sad to inform you that Mr Walsh will not be returning after the Easter break as he has secured a new job at the Honeypot Charity as Service Leader for young carers on respite breaks. We are very proud of Mr Walsh and wish him lots of luck in his new role! It will be a hard job but we will soon start the search for Mr Walsh's replacement. In the meantime, please come and talk to one of us at the gate if you need support.

### Car Park

Please, please, please only use the school car park if you have no other choice. If you can walk to school or park outside and walk in this will help keep our site as safe as possible for all users.

If you do use the car park please drive slowly and be aware of pedestrians.

Thank you.

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### Science Week

We have really enjoyed all things science this week! Thank you to Mrs Maddison for organising the activities. Please talk to your children about their science learning and have a look at the photos on Facebook and Twitter.

### Changes to gates and times for Y1

From after Easter, **17 April**, we will no longer be using the back gate. This means Year 1 will enter and leave from the front gate from 17 April. It also means **NO** children will be able to enter or leave from the back gate and everyone will need to use the front gate. The timings for Y1 will change slightly. From 17 April, Y1 will start at 8.50am and leave at 3.15pm.

### End of term assessment week

Next week children from Y1-5 will be completing the usual end of term assessments. It is really important your child is in school every day so they don't need to miss other learning to catch up on the tests. Y6 will be completing theirs the following week.

### Easter activity week

In the last week of term we will be running some fun Easter activities with the children. We will also be running a cake sale on Thursday 30th March. If you are able to donate some cakes we would be really grateful. Please remember **NO NUTS!**

### Events coming up...

Tuesday 21st—Y6 trip to Bovington. Please ensure you have paid your contribution.  
Tuesday 21st—Moors Valley activity day for 8 Y5 children  
Wednesday 22nd—Arts2educate project with Y4 and Y5  
Thursday 23rd—Arts2educate project with Y3  
Friday 24th—Year 2 football tournament  
Friday 24th—Rocksteady concert  
Friday 24th—Young Carers visit by AFCB  
Monday 27th—Easter activity week starts  
Tuesday 28th—Y4 samba performance  
Tuesday 28th—Parent consultations  
Wednesday 29th—Parent consultations  
Wednesday 29th—Community singing festival at Regent Centre  
Friday 31st—Last day of term

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### Annual reports

Your child will have brought home their annual report today. This includes information about their attainment as well as their attitude and effort. If you have any questions about your child's report, please speak to the class teacher. There will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress in more detail at parent consultations on 28th and 29th March.

If your child has only recently joined our school, they will have brought home a letter from the class teacher and will receive their full report in July.

### Vaping

Please refrain from vaping on the school site. Thank you

### Easter holiday club

We are really pleased that Premier Education are running our Easter holiday club again this year 3-6 April (1st week of holidays). This is FREE for children in receipt of benefit related free school meals. Please see your Marvellous Me message for details of how to book or email the office if you need some help.

### Easter holidays

The school is closed from Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April. We return on Monday 17th April at the usual times. Year 1 will enter from the front gate.

### School shoes

Please remember children should only be wearing black school shoes or black trainers to school. There are sadly some bright coloured trainers reappearing in school. If you need help with funding the cost of school shoes, please speak to Mr Walsh or Mrs Northey on reception.

### Honeypot residential

Well done to the Y5s who attended our Honeypot residential. The children represented the school brilliantly and had a wonderful time. Thank you also to Mr Walsh for organising and attending the trip.

### Date of next newsletter

Friday 31st March 2023

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