



FRIDAY 31 MARCH 2023

At the end of a busy term, I would like to wish you all a happy and healthy Easter break. I really hope we get some sunshine and you can have a rest before the fun of the summer term begins!

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!**

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.

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.

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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.

Community Music Festival

It was fabulous to watch our choir perform on Wednesday at the Highcliffe School Community Music Festival at the Regents Centre. It was such a big thing to perform on the stage in front of other schools and parents and we are so proud of them! They represented our school brilliantly. Thank you to Mrs Hinz-James for organising the event.

Parent Consultations

Thank you to all those parents who attended meetings with class teachers this week. It is by working in partnership with you that we are able to ensure your child achieves all they are capable of.

Cake sale

Thank you for supporting our Easter cake sale by donating or purchasing cakes. We raised a massive £113.80!

Events coming up after Easter...

- ⇒ Reception and Y1 bikeability sessions 17th-20th April
 - ⇒ Step into sport festival for KS2 19th April
- ⇒ Leeson House Parents' meeting 19th April
 - ⇒ Class group photos 20th April
 - ⇒ Y5 swimming starts 20th April
- ⇒ Shooting starts festival for KS1 21st April
 - ⇒ Parent coffee morning 28th April
- ⇒ May Day bank holiday—school closed 1st May
- ⇒ Leeson House trip for Y4 3rd and 4th May
- ⇒ Coronation Bank Holiday—school closed 8th May
 - ⇒ KS2 SATs for Y6 9th-12th May
 - ⇒ Great Somerset Bake Off 15th May
- ⇒ Life Education visit to school 17th and 18th May
 - ⇒ Parent coffee morning 26th May
- ⇒ School closed for half term 29th May-2nd June

Date of next newsletter

Friday 21st April 2023

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