



FRIDAY 19 MAY 2023

Holiday food vouchers will be issued next week. Please let us know if there are any issues **before** the half term holiday starts.

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: 93.2% compared to 93.9% nationally

Year 1: 93.6% (93.3 nationally)

Year 2: 94.0% (94.0 nationally)

Year 3: 95.6% (94.3 nationally)

Year 4: 92.5% (94.3% nationally)

Year 5: 92.2% (94.2% nationally)

Year 6: 92.9% (94.1% nationally)

Our analysis shows that boys attendance is lower than girls in Y5 and 6 —so **if you are a boy in Year 5 or 6, we really need you in school every day!**

Events coming up...

- ⇒ Y6 residential to Avon Tyrell next week
 - ⇒ Year 2 SATs tests continue
- ⇒ Highcliffe Y12 students working on art project in school
 - ⇒ Attendance meetings (Wed 24th)
- ⇒ Reception walk to Stanpit Marsh (Thurs 25th)
- ⇒ Y4 walk to The Priory and castle ruins (Thurs 25th)
- ⇒ Y6 Moving on Up sessions start (Wed 24th)
 - ⇒ Y4 wow day (Fri 26th)
 - ⇒ Y2 Mad Hatter's tea party (Fri 26th)
 - ⇒ Half term (Mon 29th –Fri 2nd)
- ⇒ Y1 and 2 multi skills festival at Grange (Tues 23rd)

Support available

We often send information via Marvellous Me about organisations that offer support to families. We hope these are useful. Please note, we are not in anyway endorsing these organisations and it is up to parents to decide if the help and support is right for them.

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Somerford Bake Off

Thank you to all those who entered the Bake Off on Monday. There were really impressive entries and the judging panel found it really hard! Thank you to Holly and Jenson—our Head Girl and Boy—and to Mrs Barnes—our cook—for helping to decide the winners. Everyone who entered received 5 house points and the winners received a prize in assembly on Monday.

Thank you to Miss Briant for organising this to help us raise enough money for our outdoor gym equipment. We raised £158.40 on this event!

New sign in system in the main reception

We now have an electronic sign in system in the office. If you come in to school you will be asked to sign in with that instead of the current sign in book. The office team will be really pleased to help you! Children who are late to school will also need to sign in with this system.

Life Education Visit

It was wonderful to welcome Coram Life Education to our school on Wednesday and Thursday this week. They ran workshops for each class which support our PSHE curriculum. I am sure your children will be able to tell you lots of things they learnt!

Swimming

Year 5 have their last swimming session next week. We have been impressed with how well the children have taken part in these lessons and the progress they have made in a short time.

After half term Y6 will have their swimming sessions. Please make sure you have returned your child's permission slip.

School shoes

Our Uniform policy states that children should wear black school shoes or plain black trainers. Please can you make sure your child is in the correct footwear. If you would like some support with purchasing new shoes, please speak to your child's class teacher or one of us at the gate as we have vouchers we can issue for a local shoe shop.

Half term

School is closed w/c 29th May for half term. We will see you back in school on Monday 5th June.

Date of next newsletter

Friday 26th May 2023

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