



FRIDAY 09 JUNE 2023

Welcome back to the last half term of this academic year—hasn't it flown by! 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: 93.1% compared to 93.7% nationally

- Year 1: 93.6% (93.4 nationally)
- Year 2: 93.7% (94.1 nationally)
- Year 3: 95.6% (94.3 nationally)
- Year 4: 92.6% (94.3% nationally)
- Year 5: 91.9% (94.2% nationally)
- Year 6: 93.0% (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...

- \Rightarrow Y4 multiplication check
- \Rightarrow Y6 swimming continues
 - \Rightarrow Y1 phonics check
 - \Rightarrow Bike it assembly
- \Rightarrow New YR parents' meeting
- \Rightarrow Y5 Sporty Me Day with Bournemouth University
 - \Rightarrow Y5 trip to RNLI station
 - \Rightarrow Y5 taster day at Grange
 - \Rightarrow Y5/6 handball tournament

Headlice

We have had reports of headlice in the school. Please use this weekend to check your child's hair and treat if necessary. Please also try to ensure your child's hair is tied back to help stop the spread.

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Rags 2 Riches collection

It is time to have a clear out! Please bring your donations for our collection on 6th July. You can bring your donations in anytime leading up to 6th July. Thank you.

New classes

We will share the name of your child's new class teacher on Thursday 29th June. Children will be told in assembly and we will send a newsletter home that evening. We will then hold our Meet the Teacher morning for children to spend time in their new rooms with their new teachers on Friday 30th June. Children will be registered in their current classes so please arrive as usual.

If your child is anxious about their new class or teacher please reassure them. It will be OK. But please do talk to us if you have any concerns so we can support you and your child.

The current Y5 class teachers will decide the class groups for Y6. Please note, these classes are final and children will not be able to move.

Thank you

We are saying goodbye to Mrs Phillips and Mrs Dunsby as they have completed their training placements with us. We would like to thank them for their hard work and wish them well in their teaching careers.

Y4 multiplication check

Next week Y4 children will be sitting their statutory multiplication check. Please ensure children are in school each day.

Y1 Phonics check

Next week Y1 children will be sitting their statutory phonics check. Please ensure children are in school each day.

Children in Y2, who did not pass the check last year, will also be sitting the check again next week.

Dr Bike it

On 22nd June Sustrans will be in school offering free bike checks with small repairs thrown in. It is a great opportunity to get your bike summer ready. Please bring your bike in on that day and leave unlocked in the bike shelters.

> **Date of next newsletter** Friday 23rd June 2023

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