



FRIDAY 5 JANUARY 2024

Welcome back to the new year—I hope you had a restful break and were able to spend time with family and friends. I know some of you were unwell and I do hope you have recovered now.

We have had a great start to 2024 at school and the children have, as always, worked so hard.

Mrs Frampton

Online Safety Working Group

This term we will be establishing a working group of staff, parents, children and governors to ensure we are doing all we can to keep children safe online at school and at home. If you would be interested in being part of this group, please send an email to the office address and we will contact you with more details.

Diary Dates

The dates for this term will be sent home next week. If you would like a printed copy to pop on your fridge, please let us know.

Contacting us

We really value the relationship we have with parents and want this to continue. There are many ways you can talk to us. Your child's class teacher is a really good starting point. They are on the gate each morning and afternoon and can also be contacted by email.

Mrs Frampton, Mr Wallace and Mr Thorne are on the gate daily and can also be contacted by email or by phoning the main office.

Mrs Macmillan, our Pastoral Lead, is also really keen to talk and meet with parents. You can contact her via the school office.

PTA

We are really keen to re establish our PTA which stopped during COVID. If you are interested in being part of this, please contact the school. Hopefully we can gather enough volunteers to start our popular Christmas and Summer Fayres again, as well as maybe some discos and other events.

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Attendance

Our expectation for attendance is 96% or above.

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

Year group	Attendance	National attendance
1	92.3%	94.7%
2	95.0%	95.1%
3	93.1%	95.4%
4	93.9%	95.2%
5	92.8%	95.0%
6	90.5%	95.2%

These figures are well below national expectations. Please ensure your child is in school, on time, every day they can be.

Dental survey - Reception and Year 1

If you would like your child to take part in the survey on 16th January, please ensure you complete and return the consent form. Thank you

Oversees visitors

This year we have partnered with a school in Taiwan and a school in China. This means that some students from those schools will spend time in our classes during their visits to England. This is being facilitated and overseen by the Southbourne School of English. This is a fantastic opportunity for our children and we are really looking forward to the first group arriving.

Date of next newsletter

Friday 19th January

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