



FRIDAY 19 JANUARY 2024

Thank you for making sure your child has a warm coat in school. Please may I remind you that children can only wear school jumpers or fleeces in the classroom. We have plenty in our preloved stock if you need one or two. Children will be asked to remove any top that is not school uniform in the classroom.

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.

Leg it to Lapland Challenge

I am delighted to tell you that as a school, we have won the Leg it to Lapland Challenge which Sustrans ran in schools across BCP. This means that next month we will have a Scooter Display and scooter workshops across the day. Thank you all for your support with walking, cycling or scooting to school!

Travel Survey

We recently sent you a travel survey via Marvellous Me. We would really appreciate you completing it so we continue our work to make the school as safe as possible.

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.

PJ Day

It was so much fun wearing our pyjamas today—thank you to School Council for suggesting this fundraising idea. We raised £135 which we will put towards our target. Thank you for your donations.

International students

We are looking forward to welcoming our visiting students over the next two weeks.

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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	92.0%	94.7%
2	95.1%	95.1%
3	93.0%	95.4%
4	93.7%	95.2%
5	93.0%	95.0%
6	90.2%	95.2%

These figures are well below national expectations (except Y2!). Please ensure your child is in school, on time, every day they can be.

Young Voices

We are getting really excited for our Young Voices choir to sing at the O2 on 31st January! We will be joining other schools to make a choir of approximately 5000 children!

We will post updates on Twitter and Facebook so look out for us. A letter will be coming home soon with final information for those participating.

Attendance review

We will be reviewing all children's attendance at the end of January. Please make sure you attend your meeting if you are invited in. You can always check your child's attendance on Arbor. Remember the expectations is 96% or above.

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After school child care provision

We are really excited to let you know that our after school child care club, run by Premier Education will be starting after half term. The club will run from the end of the school day until 5.30pm. You can book your child for either

End of day until 5.30 (£9)

<https://family.premier-education.com/add-course/875746>

End of day until 4.30 (£4)

<https://family.premier-education.com/add-course/875743>

4.30-5.30 (if your child is going to a sports club at school first) (£5)

<https://family.premier-education.com/add-course/875748>

Children will have a snack and a drink and take part in a range of activities. The club will be held in the old computing room near the Y5 and 6 gate. Collection is from the outside doors to the room which will be clearly signed.

Booking is essential and children cannot attend the provision without payment being made in advance. Booking can be made until 2pm on the day you need it.

We appreciate the costs are higher than Breakfast Club which is run by the school. The only way we are able to keep costs of Breakfast Club as low as they are is because we receive funding from the National Schools Programme and Waitrose. This funding is only available to school breakfast clubs.

Premier Education do accept childcare vouchers.

Staff training—school closed to pupils

On Friday 9th February, teachers will be completing and analysing assessments and starting to write your child's annual report. School will be closed to children on this day.

Children's mental health week

This is being held 5th to 8th February. We will start the week off with a Dress to Impress Day—this is a day for children to show who they are through their clothes. More details will be sent home soon.

Next newsletter—Thursday 8th February

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