



Newsletter for Parents and Carers: 06/01/17

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Our new lockers have now been installed and the children are loving them. This means that 'hopefully' we will have less lost property!!! It is, however, the child's own responsibility to make sure they place their belongings in their own locker.

You may have noticed that our double decker bus isn't in the school grounds at the moment. It has had to be taken away for repairs but hopefully will be back soon.



Thank you for completing our survey in December 2016. It is really important to get your feedback on how well our school are doing and how we can make it even better. The vast majority of parents agreed: 'My Child is making good progress', 'Staff expect my children to work hard and do his / her best', 'Staff encourage my child to become mature and independent'. Some parents wanted more choice for after school clubs, some parents wanted more homework for their children, some parents wanted no homework for their children. In response to this we have outlined our selection of after school clubs on this newsletter as well as homework arrangements for each year group. Government / Ofsted advises that it is good practice that children receive follow up work at home to secure children's learning.

A big thank you to our PTA for all the hard work and dedication this term. They have organised a number of events including Fayres, Film Clubs and Coffee Mornings which is all done on a voluntary basis. This is helping to make our school even more fun and fabulous.



Dates for the Diary

Monday, 9th January	STEM Week
Monday, 16th January	DT Project @ CCC Y5
Wednesday, 18th January	Target Setting Day Y6
Thursday, 19th January	School Dinner Fun Day
Monday, 23rd January	DT Project @ CCC Y5
Tuesday, 24th January	Reception Phonics Session for Parents 9.10 / 9.40 am
Tuesday, 24th January	Egyptian Day Y3
Wednesday, 25th January	Robinwood Residential
Wednesday, 25th January	Reception Phonics Session for Parents 9.10 / 9.40 am
Thursday, 26th January	Robinwood Residential
Thursday, 26th January	Reception Phonics Session for Parents 9.10 / 9.40 am
Thursday, 26th January	Circus Topic Y3
Friday, 27th January	Robinwood Residential
Monday, 30th January	DT Project @ CCC Y5
Tuesday, 31st January	Dental Examination Reception & Y1
Thursday, 2nd February	Centre for Life Y2
Thursday, 9th February	Basketball Tournament @ Lakeside Y5
Monday, 13th February	Safety Works Y6
Friday, 17th February	Break up for Half Term
Tuesday, 28th February	Parent Consultations Y1, Y2 & Y3 from 2.00 pm
Wednesday, 1st March	Parent Consultations Y4 & Y5 from 2.00 pm



After School Clubs



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
KS2 Dodgeball	KS2 Basketball	Reception Football	KS2 Football	KS2 Street Dance
KS2 Boxing	KS2 Change4Life	KS1 Multi-Skills	KS2 Gymnastics	KS2 Percussion
Y6 Homework Club		Y6 SPAG Booster	Y4/5 Homework Club	
Y6 Maths Booster				

ZERO TOLERANCE

Use of profanity, verbal threats or any act of violence will NOT be tolerated on school grounds or at school events

We have ZERO TOLERANCE towards inappropriate behaviour from parents on our school site both inside and out. Any inappropriate behaviour by parents will be referred to the police and possibly Children's Services and will result in being banned from the school.

Absence from School

Children are required to attend school for 190 days each year

Attendance during one school year	equals days absent	which is approximately weeks absent	Which means this number of missed lessons
95%	9 days	2 weeks	45 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	95 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	145 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	190 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	240 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	285 lessons
65%	67 days	13.5 weeks	335 lessons

How does your child's attendance compare with this target?
Please remember that children who miss a lot of school achieve less

Reminder: We do not authorise any holidays taken throughout term time. If you choose to take holidays they will be unauthorised and could lead to prosecution resulting in a fine from the Local Authority.



Nursery

Homework book sent every Friday containing activity to share with adults based on current learning. Optional home learning packs available to borrow weekly from January.

Reception

Homework book sent every Wednesday containing activity to share with adults based on current learning. Reading book sent home every Friday. Optional home learning packs available to borrow weekly from January.

Year 1

Purple homework books go out on Monday to be returned on Friday. Homework alternates between maths, literacy, topic and stem but is always linked to the previous weeks learning. Spelling lists for the half term are sent out at the beginning of each half term for weekly tests. Reading books are changed as and when they are returned to school.

Year 2

Purple homework books go out on Thursday to be returned on Monday. Homework alternates between maths, topic and stem linked to the learning of the week. Spelling lists for the half term are sent out at the beginning of each half term for weekly tests. Reading books are changed as and when they are returned to school.

Year 3

Homework: Maths goes out on a Monday back in on Thursday. Spelling test Thursday (weekly lists in homework books) and reading books daily with change at least twice a week.

Year 4

Homework goes out on a Thursday to be returned on Monday. Homework club on Thursdays. 1 bit of literacy and numeracy per week except stem/art week when stem/art related homework will be set instead. Reading books are changed twice a week and weekly spellings.

Year 5

Homework goes out on a Thursday to be returned on Monday. Spellings weekly. Literacy is writing out spellings and using them in sentences. Weekly maths linked to in class work.

Year 6

Homework goes out on a Monday to be returned on Friday. Numerary and Literacy, spellings and handwriting weekly. Daily reading of 10 minutes a night is required.