




Newsletter

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Message from Head Teacher

Dear families,

Brighter weather, longer days and lighter nights can only mean one thing... summer is just around the corner! There's lots to get through over the next few weeks though.

This term will see some more days off, P7 leavers' events, our annual Fun Day, completion of reports, and a Sports Day. There will also be trips to the Sports Hub at Alexandra Park, as well as more interesting teaching and learning across all classes.

Class newsletters are now available to view on our website, giving an overview of what is being covered for the rest of this session.



Simply scan the QR code to view them:

We are awaiting final confirmation about pupil numbers and staffing for next session. This should be settled over the coming weeks, and I will get information out about classes and teachers as soon as I can. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

I hope you find the information contained in this newsletter useful. As always, if you have any concerns or questions, or if there's anything I can help with, please get in touch.

In the meantime, we wish everyone a wonderful summer term!

School hours

We gently (perhaps not so gently!) remind everyone that our school hours are:

08:45 – 14:45

The start of the school day is vitally important, as routines, expectations, learning intentions and news are shared at this time. The expectation is that everyone lines up outside at 08:45. Being ready to start the day on time is an invaluable life skill.

All lateness adds up, and some children are regularly missing between one hour and one day of education each week, inevitably affecting attainment and progress.

Attendance matters



You may remember we conducted an attendance survey at our Parents' Evening in March. Hopefully you've had a chance to look at the results on our website.

As part of this, we displayed our average attendance figures. We have analysed these again, to see if there have been any improvements.

	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	School
March 29th	89.88%	90.39%	85.96%	91.59%	89.60%	90.41%	90.88%	89.81%
May 4th	90.34%	90.12%	86.44%	91.85%	89.64%	90.55%	90.78%	89.96%
<i>Difference</i>	↑ 0.46%	↓ 0.27%	↑ 0.48%	↑ 0.26%	↑ 0.04%	↑ 0.14%	↓ 0.10%	↑ 0.15%

It is wonderful to see slight improvements across most classes, and across the whole school in general. We will look at our attendance figures again at the start of June.

Please note, we do not expect 100% attendance. Everyone gets ill sometimes, and life can throw up a range of challenges. However, good attendance at school is essential for making progress in learning and forming good relationships. The structure and routine of school also helps children to feel settled and secure.

Thank you to all our families for supporting us to support your children.

Attendance = Attainment = Wellbeing

Playtime snacks

There has been an increase recently in the number of children asking for something to eat at playtime.



Can we kindly ask that you provide your child with a water or juice for playtime, and a small snack (for example a chocolate bar, piece of fruit, biscuits or crisps).



We would never see a child go without, and we do keep a supply of water and biscuits for emergencies, but we do not have endless funds.

Please ensure that snacks do not contain nuts, as we have a number of pupils with nut allergies. This includes (but isn't limited to):

- Peanut butter
- Anything with Nutella
- Kinder Bueno products



Remember that fizzy drinks, energy drinks and chewing gum **should never** be brought to school.

Toys

Please do not allow your child to bring any toys into school. We cannot be responsible for any loss or damage, and we have plenty of nice things to play with here anyway!



Phones

An ever-growing number of pupils are bringing mobile phones to school. We understand there are various reasons for this.



Pupils should hand their phones into the school office at the start of each day, where they will be kept securely. The phones are then returned at home-time.

Teachers remind pupils of this daily, but we would appreciate your support in sharing this message at home. We would also remind you that social media apps have age restrictions for a reason.

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Once logged on, choose your retailer, do your shopping, and let *easyfundraising* do the rest!

Dates for your diary



Coronation bank holiday	Monday 8 th May
In-service Day <i>(closed to pupils)</i>	Thursday 25 th May
May Weekend	Friday 26 th and Monday 29 th May
Sports Day	Wednesday 14 th June
Fun Day	Wednesday 21 st June
Close for summer	Friday 23 rd June @ 12:45
In-service Day <i>(closed to pupils)</i>	Monday 14 th August
In-service Day <i>(closed to pupils)</i>	Tuesday 15 th August
School re-opens to pupils	Wednesday 16 th August @ 08:45



Our values:

Respect

Safe

Equality