

**Headteacher Update**

**Friday 24th May 2024**

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a half term it has been! We have had such a busy time, with Ofsted, a residential visit, many sporting fixtures and SATs week… I think children and adults alike are ready for a good rest. We were hoping our Ofsted report would be published in time for us to share it with you before the half term holiday, but unfortunately the final report has not been sent yet. We look forward to sharing this with you after the break.

**Introducing Junior Snack to Year 2**

When children go into the juniors, bagels or toast are provided at morning break at a cost of 30p per day.  From the first Monday back after half term we are inviting our year 2 children to take junior snack as part of their transition into key stage 2.

To order a snack you have to add credit to the snack item on your ParentPay account and then book each day your child would like a snack.  This must be done by end of the Sunday night for the week ahead, so we can let the cook know how many snacks are required**.** Children who are registered as Pupil Premium (reduction in cost of trips etc) do not have to book on ParentPay; they will be asked on Monday morning for their choice of snack should they wish to order one.

You will receive an email on Friday with instructions detailing how to do this on ParentPay.

**Uniform**

There barely seems to be a week that uniform isn’t mentioned on our update! But we have noticed a number of children wearing a variety of styles of earring, including hoops. Children should only wear small stud earrings to school. Large fashion earrings and hoops are not permitted; hoops in particular can easily get caught on clothing at playtimes, and are not safe.

Children are allowed to wear plain cycling shorts for PE, but please can we ask that these provide full coverage - We have a small group of girls who are showing an inappropriate amount of flesh at the moment!

Plain leggings and trainers may be worn for PE, but these are not part of the everyday uniform. Girls should wear school skirts, shorts or trousers and black shoes. Patterned leggings are not permitted and only plain navy sweat tops and hoodies/ or logo hoodies should be worn.

I have attached a copy of our uniform policy to this update to ensure everyone is familiar with our expectations regarding uniform. Thank you for your support with our policy.

**Preparing Children for their next step**

The next half term is an important one for the children as we help to prepare them to move onto the next step in their learning. Our Year 6 children will take part in transition days at their respective high schools and those children who are starting school in September will begin to spend time in our Reception classroom.

Our transition work is not limited to new starters and Year 6. We will support all our children to get them ready for the next step on their journey. Throughout the half term we will ensure they spend time with their new teachers to help get them used to new routines so they are ready for September. For example, in a few weeks we will ask that our Reception parents begin to leave children at the gate so they can walk into class independently in the mornings, just as the older children do.

So please look out for information during the next half term to ensure we can work in partnership to support the children.

**Attendance**

As you will have seen from correspondence earlier in the week, we have had a lot of illness across the school this week so our attendance figures have been quite low. Congratulations to Year 4 who have won the class attendance award this week with 96%. They spun the wheel of fortune in assembly today and won an extra OPAL play session.

Attendance this week:

Reception – 87%

Year 1 – 94%

Year 2 – 95%

Year 3 – 87%

Year 4 – 96%

Year 5 – 86%

Year 6 - 86%

***Currently attendance for the whole school is 93.5%***

**Dates for your diaries:**

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| **Event** | **Date** | **Time** | **Classes involved** |
| Break up for half term | Friday 24th May | 3.15pm | All classes |
| Return to school | Monday 3rd June | 8.30am | All classes |
| Sports Day | Wednesday 12th June | 1.30pm | All classes |
| Cake Sale – raising funds for the library | Wednesday 19th June | 3.15pm | Donations from Reception, Y1, Y2 |
| Cake Sale – raising funds for the library | Wednesday 26th June | 3.15pm | Donations from Y3. Y4, Y5, Y6 |
| High School Transition | Wednesday 3rd July | All day | Year 6 |
| High School Transition | Thursday 4th July | All day | Year 6 |

We hope you all enjoy a lovely half term. Fingers crossed for some better weather! We look forward to seeing you all when we return on Monday 3rd June.

Kind regards,

Mrs Harrison and Mrs Guy