

Dear Parent and Carers

Another term has flown by and your children have continued to make us proud.

Our school values of friendship and respect are demonstrated daily by most children and when mistakes are made the restorative approach taken by staff and children quickly repairs the harm and creates opportunities to strengthen and build relationships.

Thank you for your involvement in school activities and for the support that you give your children with their learning, which has grown tremendously. Many more parents and families are engaging in the shared activities in school. These have included; reading, circle work, craft activities, family assemblies, church services and our Christmas productions. The sharing of home learning and general interaction with our families and community, showcased through our Twitter feeds is also delightful and a real pleasure to scroll through! We really appreciate your opinions and comments and the annual parent questionnaire will be coming to you in the New Year. If you have any concerns or worries, please do not hesitate to get in touch so we can continue to grow and improve.

As you know, we are committed to communicating with you regularly. However, please note that there is no expectation from myself or the school Governors that staff will respond to communications via email or Twitter outside of the working day, at weekends, or in the school holidays. Our school website has an excellent calendar, which often has direct links to the letters that have been sent home; this is a really useful source of information and often answers many of the questions that you may have.

Attendance in school has been a challenge this term, with many children and staff succumbing to illness including, Chicken Pox and viral infections. Our best day's attendance this term was 97.2% while our worst was 81.1%. Hopefully the New Year will bring with it improved health for all and improved attendance. Please find below the percentage attendance for your child's class. As always in the January, we will send out the individual attendance for your child.

Miss Adams	89.2%
Mrs Stone/Mrs White	89.3%
Miss Dakin	89.8%
Miss Spencer	94.1%
Mrs Poyner	91.7%
Mrs Mickle/Mrs Furber	92.6%
Miss Brierley	90.8%
Miss Ridgway	90.9%
Mrs Crotty/Mrs Mickle	92.5%
Mr Pearson	91.1%
Mr Thomas	96%
Mr Pattison	91.3%
Miss Green/Mrs Ingram	92.7%

Wellbeing and improving Mental Health is an integral part of school life. As a school, we are continually striving to ensure the wellbeing and mental health of all stakeholders is considered and positive actions are taken to improve both for all. You may have heard your children talk about 'Thrive Time'. This is one part of our curriculum where we are teaching the children to care for themselves and their wellbeing by being 'good to themselves', taking a short amount of time-out of a busy day to relax, restore and rejuvenate.

Safeguarding your children is very important to us. With that in mind, please make sure you take all the necessary steps to keep the children safe by parking safely and keeping the yellow lines around the school clear of parked cars. Smoking is not permitted in or around the school grounds and this includes vaping. Similarly, dogs are not permitted on school grounds. Please help us to keep our school and all those in it safe by abiding by these guidelines.

We are still on the hunt for a Parent Governor to join our Governing Body, if you feel you would like more information please come and see myself, Miss Green or Mrs Morrison. We look forward to welcoming you to our school family.

We do still have a lot of lost property in school. If you are missing any items please see staff in the KS1 playground, who will show you to the lost property. Please remember to name items of clothing, shoes and coats so that they can be returned to your child, if they go missing.

Finally, we would like to thank you for all the lovely cards and gifts we have received and wish you all the merriest of Christmas celebrations and the happiest New Year. We look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 6th January 2020 for 8:45am.

Yours sincerely

Claire E Lee  
Head Teacher