



February 8th 2019

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Attendance

A huge well done to Year 5/6 and Reception who have continued to record good attendance. Unfortunately, we seem to have been hit by the winter bugs over the last week and this has affected our attendance considerably. On that note, can I please remind you to contact school initially when you know your child is going to be off. Please follow it up in writing when your child returns to school. As previously mentioned we can only authorise absences which are accompanied by written explanations.

Week ending 25 th January	
Year 5/6	99.7%
Reception	98.5%
Year 3	97.6%
Year 1	97.5%
Year 3/4	97%
Year 4/5	94.7%
Year 2	93.9%
Overall	97%

Week ending 1 st February	
Reception	97.4%
Year 3	94.5%
Year 5/6	93.1%
Year 1	92.9%
Year 2	92.5%
Year 3/4	92.4%
Year 4/5	90.7%
Overall	93.3%

Homework and homework Clubs

Our new homework expectations have really made a difference. After shaky start, the children are really taking the challenge with the majority of them completing their homework on time and to a high standard. Our lunchtime

homework clubs are a hit with the children as they can take time and be supported with by a member of staff if they find anything a bit tricky. We also now have children who are asking to complete their homework on the day that it is set, (Friday lunchtime) so that they know that it is done and 'out of the way' which is brilliant. We want to help our children and families as much as possible with this; therefore we now open our computing suite on 4 lunchtimes to support the children.

TT Rockstars

I am pleased to inform parents of children in Y2 and Y3 that the 'early bird' TT Rockstars club is to be extended to run for 4 days for both Year groups. This means that children from Y2 and Y3 will be able to attend the club on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8.30am. This has been a big success for the children that have attended and we have seen a real impact with the children's recall speed of their multiplication and division facts.

TT Rockstars WOW

The following children lead the way in each class with number of coins earned, this means that they have logged on and taken part in the most challenges on TT Rockstars in their class.

Class/name	Total Coins	Recall Speed
Year 2- Alfie	103,375	2.25 secs
Year 3 - Rayan	29,325	2.09 secs
Year 3/4 Toby	131,474	1.59 secs
Year 4/5 Oliver	124,141	1.97 secs
Year 5/6 Jake	127,751	1.10 secs

It is clear that the more you practice something the better you get. Well done to all of the boys who have drastically improved their recall speed since taking up the TT Rockstar challenge.

Healthy Minds Week

This week we have been focusing on Children's Mental Health Week with the theme of Healthy Inside and Out. There have been some amazing activities happening in school including the construction of balloon towers to test resilience and glitter jars with a focus on mindfulness and relaxation. It has been fantastic to welcome over 100 parents into school to work with their children on this important area. We have seen many parents playing games, relaxing with yoga, exercising, working as teams and generally having lots of fun with their children. There was also a very competitive game of bench ball amongst Year 1 parents. Our parent meetings on Tuesday were also well attended and we were delighted to be able to share all the facilities we have in school to help your child with their mental health and wellbeing. If you feel you need any help or support in this area please come in and speak to us.

Governor Support

Our governors have met this week as part of the pastoral committee and they have also continued to support the school recently in the following areas - school resources meeting, school funding, school to school support visits and the school newspaper.

MPSA- Film Night/ School Disco Thank you to the staff and members of the MPSA who supported the recent film night. The children thoroughly enjoyed watching the film, Hotel Transylvania 3 whilst munching on hotdogs and popcorn.

The next MPSA event is our Valentine's Disco which is taking place on Thursday 14th February. This will take place after school with our Reception and KS1 disco first followed by our KS2 children. Details for this have been sent out to all parents. If you need further information then please contact the school office.

MUGA

It is a pleasure to confirm that the MUGA installation will begin during February Half term, (Weather permitting). This installation is planned to take 2 weeks and will therefore continue when we return back after half term. I can confirm that there will be minimal impact on the children during this time. I will be holding an assembly with the children on the first day back after half term to outline any changes to the school day for them during installation. A separate letter will also be sent to parents before half term with any relevant information that you will need.

Can I thank, the MPSA for all of their hard work, they have donated a considerable amount of money to support this project without which we might not have been able to proceed. Can I also thank the Town Council who have also supported the project financially and AVIVA insurance and Autonet Insurance.

Our Stars and Geniuses were -

Week ending - 1st February	
Genius of the Week	Star of the Week
Mollie	Charlie
Shakira	Lilly
Pravarpreet	Maxwell
Aidan	Logan
Hannah	Leighton
Harry	Millie
Eilidh	Molly
Week ending - 8th February	
Genius of the Week	Star of the Week
Lola	William
Savannah	Isobel
Sam	Alfie
Aaliyah	Sophia
George	Tara
James	Theo
Molly	Joe

Yours Faithfully,
Simon Cotterill, Head Teacher

Diary Dates Ahead

Please check the school website regularly and remember all letters are put on to the website for your added convenience.

14/2/19 MPSA Valentines Disco
15/2/19 SCHOOL CLOSES -
During Half Term - The installation of the new School MUGA will begin.

25/2/19 SCHOOL OPENS
WK BGN 25/2/19- Installation of the MUGA to continue.
5/3/19 Y3 Trip to Halle-Bridgewater Hall
7/3/19 World Book Day
15/3/19 Comic Relief Day
1/4/19 - 2/4/19 Year 2 Residential to Fox Howl