



Autumn 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the Autumn term is flying by, we are really proud of the children and how focussed they are - school is feeling more normal once again and we are managing to resume some sort of normality. Local COVID cases have however been on the increase and we will respond to this in school based on Public Health guidance when/if the need arises.



Attendance

One of the reasons that our children do so well here is that our school attendance is good and often envied by other schools. **DON'T FORGET THAT WE CANNOT AUTHORISE ABSENCE FOR HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME AND THAT HOLIDAYS TAKEN MAY RESULT IN A FINE.**

Please continue to arrange medical and dental appointments outside of the school day whenever possible. We are always happy to administer medication if needed – please complete a consent form in the office.

Thank you for contacting school to report absences – the majority of parents do this which means that many absences can be authorised. If we are unable to make contact, a home visit may be carried out in line with our safeguarding responsibilities, to ensure the safety of our families. In extreme situations when we are unable to make contact, police welfare officers may conduct a visit. It really helps if you can phone by 9am!

Willow Maze

You may have noticed that the willow maze on our school field is in need of some maintenance. The children are reminded in school not to enter this area as the branches are not fully woven in. Staff have reported that lots of children are using the maze after school and snapping branches off it. Please can I ask that you keep the children away from this area to avoid further damage to it and to avoid injuries.

Bikes and scooters

We have had several complaints about pupils and parents riding bikes on the school grounds at collection time. Can I politely ask that you dismount bikes and scooters and push them to the school gate to avoid any possible accidents.

Dogs

There have been an increasing number of dogs in the school grounds. Please note that we don't permit dogs on the premises and would appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Christmas parties will take place in school time on the following afternoons:

Reception	Wednesday 15 th December
Year 1	Monday 13 th December
Year 2	Thursday 16 th December
Year 3	Wednesday 15 th December
Year 4	Monday 13 th December
Year 5	Tuesday 14 th December
Year 6	Thursday 16 th December

Other dates for the diary:

17th November Flu vaccination (please make sure that the form has been completed)

19th November - Children in Need non uniform day

W/C 6th December - Christmas Games in school (details to follow)

7th December- Y4 film night (details to follow)

8th December - Y6 film night (details to follow)

9th December- Y5 film night (details to follow)

13th December- Y3 film night (details to follow)

15th December - Christmas Lunch

17.12.21- Break up for Christmas

School reopens on Tuesday 4th January 2022

PD days: school is closed to pupils

3rd December 2021

18th February 2022

1st July 2022

4th July 2022

Due to the Bank Holiday on the 2nd May being changed to Thursday 2nd June (in half term) to coincide with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, schools are required to identify another PD day.

Therefore, we will be closed on 4th July 2022.

Kindest regards

Mrs Marsden