

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 15th March 2017

Attendance

Congratulations to Reception Class who had 99.7% attendance last week. They get to have "Cuddles" the bear in class with them all week. R - 99.7%

Y4 - 99.3%, Y3 - 99%, Y6 - 98.8%, Y2 - 98.6%, Y5 - 97.7%, Y1 - 96.7%, N - AM - 92.7%, N - PM - 78%

Courteous Parking - Respect for Neighbours

We have received complaints from neighbours due to the thoughtless and selfish parking by some parents who park across driveways, on dropped kerbs, on the pavement or in other unsuitable inconvenient places. Please consider our neighbours when you are parking your cars. If necessary, please park further away from school in a safe place.

Specsavers glasses collection point

We are collecting used glasses on behalf of Specsavers. If you have any pairs of old glasses, please send them into school to be recycled. Thank you

New Reading Book Scheme at Key Stage 2

A new structured reading scheme has been purchased to cater for the whole of Key Stage 2 to meet the increased demands of the National Curriculum whilst engaging and promoting a love of reading. There are a range of text types including non-fiction, graphic novels, myths and legends and classic fiction.

Each child will be given an ability-appropriate text, which they will take home, as before, alongside their reading record. Please encourage your child to read each night, preferably to an adult, who will sign their reading record and make a comment if appropriate. As well as becoming fluent readers, it is essential that children are able to understand what they are reading and develop new vocabulary and internalise grammatical structures which they will then be able to use in their writing.

Please discuss any unfamiliar vocabulary and question your child about what they have read including making predictions about what they think will happen next and their reasons. A list of question stems will be sent home with their new book to support you with this.

Year 4 and 5 will continue with the Accelerated Reader initiative.

It is essential that these books are treated with respect and looked after. If a book is lost or damaged in any way, there will be a charge of £ 5:00 per book in order that we can replace the specific titles. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Easter Bonnets

As we do each year we will be holding an Easter Bonnet competition. This year it will take place on Friday 31st March. There will be a first and second prize for each class and a participation prize for every child who enters.

We do hope you enjoy making the bonnets with your children at home - please do not go to great expense buying a bonnet as the commercial bonnets rarely win the competition. Have fun making your bonnets!

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The new online programme has already received good reviews from both the children and parents. We had been asked if we could run workshops for parents in SPAG and Maths, however there was not enough numbers interested to make this viable.

As a compromise this new programme also helps parents with an explanation of how to do either the calculation or what the grammatical phrase means. This is clearly shown before you do any of the work.

We thought this would help as I know we teach very differently today as to how we were all taught at schools ourselves and it can be difficult to help with your child's homework etc.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Year 5 Swimming Cancellation 22.03.17

There will be no swimming next Wednesday for Year 5 as the pool is unavailable. Swimming will continue on 29.03.17.

Asda Green Token collection We have been lucky enough to have been granted a green token collection box at Asda Bootle from April until June. We will be collecting tokens for this, so if you shop at Asda, please bring your tokens into school now and we can start collecting in advance. Once the box is open we will let you know when it is live in store.

Class Assemblies Year 2 assembly was held today, thank you to all that attended, Year 1 assembly is on 22nd March in the school hall at 9.15am. All family and friends are welcome. Tea / Coffee and refreshments will be served afterwards and we do hope that you will be able to join us.

March 2017

17th March Home football match V The Grange 3.30pm, all spectators welcome.

22nd March - Class 1 assembly 9.15am - school hall

27th March - Last week for after school clubs

29th March - Reception Class assembly 9.15am - school hall

Experience Easter (pm year 1 & year 3)

30th March - Experience Easter - all day (years 6, 4, 5 & 2)

31st March - Last day - End of term/communion (am) Finish at 2.00pm. Please note that Year 3 will still be swimming, and will return to school at approx 2.30pm.

Easter Holidays - 31st March - 18th April.

April 2017

18th April - School opens at normal time.

Breakfast club and RM Maths continue as normal. Year 2 swimming as normal.

19th April - **Year 6 start swimming.**

21st April - Year 3 swimming as normal.

Yours sincerely,



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