

## Absence

Four weeks into term and already our school attendance is worryingly low already 95.6%.

Well done Year 3!

Attendance Since September							
Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
92.8%	96.3%	94.6%	96.8%	99%	96.5%	93.3%	92.7%

**Punctuality** is also an issue. **THE SCHOOL DAY STARTS AT 9AM.** Any time lost from the school is a waste and the children are missing out.

5 MINS LATE EVERY DATE	ADDS UP TO 3 DAYS LOST OVER THE SCHOOL YEAR
10 MINS LATE EVERY DAY	6.5 DAYS LOST
15 MINS LATE EACH DAY	10 DAYS LOST

Breakfast Club is on everyday (open from 7.45am) some families find aiming for an earlier start time helps.

## OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) - Playtime Improvements

You'll be aware we are introducing OPAL to school - improving the activities available for the children at playtimes. In the coming weeks we will be asking for donations of unwanted equipment to help with these changes. So if you're having a clear out before Christmas of toys, dressing up clothes, pots and pans, 'digging tools' or old scooters, please keep them to one side.

Please don't bring them into school until we have somewhere to store them but we will be in touch soon with further updates. Thanks.

## Scooter Time

We're allowing children to use their scooters at playtimes as a move to improving playtime activities. If your child has a helmet please bring it with the scooter. The children have the same days next week

Monday - Year 6 ; Tuesday - Year 4 ; Wednesday -Year 3 ; Thursday -Year 5 ; Friday -Years 1&2

## Contact Details

It is essential we have up to date records for contacting parents - next week a form will be coming home to help update the details we hold in school. Please fill it in and send it straight back to school. This needs to be completed and it would help the office staff if they didn't have to 'chase parents' to have the forms returned.

## School Dinners

If you want your child to start or stop having school meals please contact the school office giving at least 1 week notice.

## **Dinner Money**

For children from Years 3-6 on school meals, dinners are now £10.25 per week. If you would like to use Parent Pay please contact the school Office for details. Please keep up to date with payments. Any cash brought into school must be in an **envelope clearly marked with the child's name, amount and what it is for.**

## **Clothing**

Black school shoes not trainers are to be worn for school.

**ALL CLOTHES SHOULD BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.**

If it's not labelled we can't guarantee to return it.

**IF YOUR CHILD BRINGS SOMEONE ELSE'S CLOTHES HOME - PLEASE RETURN THEM TO SCHOOL.**

**PE Kit - White T-Shirt and black shorts**

## **Jewellery**

The only jewellery children should wear is a watch. No earrings, bracelets or necklaces.

## **After School Clubs**

Monday - Multi Skills

Tuesday - Street Dance Y 5/6 (open to other years later in the year)

Wednesday - Taekwondo

Friday - Football

(Film Club will return on Wednesdays after half term.)

## **Parking**

Whenever possible park on Coney Avenue and away from the school gates. Be aware parking on both sides of the road can stop cars getting along the street. Most houses in the street now have driveways - **DO NOT PARK AND BLOCK ACCESS TO THEM.**

## **Breakfast Club**

Starts at 7.45am, could all children be there by 8.20am. £1 per child.

## Diary dates

Be aware some dates may change throughout the term. We'll update them every newsletter and by text if needed.

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	School Photographer - individual and family photographs
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day of Half term
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	School re-opens for new half term.
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	St Wilfrid's Day
8 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Rosary Week
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Family Mass - 11am St Mary's Church
15 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Safety Week
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	School Disco
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> & Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Evenings
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Liturgy 2.30pm
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Children In Need Day
12 - 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti - Bullying Week
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Starlight Bag Collection - any unwanted clothes please.
19 <sup>th</sup> - 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Re-Cycling Week
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Christingle Celebration 1.45pm at St Mary's Church
5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 2 Christmas Performances Specific times to be decided later in the term.
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	First Steps Christmas Performance
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Coffee Afternoon
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5/6 Christmas party
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1/2 Christmas party
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am Whole School Mass St Mary's Church Year 3/4 Christmas party
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas liturgy 2.15pm First Steps Christmas Party <b>Last day of term.</b>
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	School re-opens for the Spring term.
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30am Mass St Mary's Church