

Newsletter

WELCOME BACK

We hope you all had a good summer and enjoyed spending time with your children. Many of them have talked to us about the things that they have been doing over the summer break. Thank you to everyone who undertook the summer homework with the children it has been good to see some of the things that they have been doing. Thank you to everyone for ensuring all your children are ready to start school this year. They have all settled in well to their new classes.

ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

We will still be holding our achievement assembly on a Friday afternoon but this year we are going to be looking to celebrate slightly different achievements. We are going to change the awards to be called All Saints Awesome Attitude. We will be looking for children who have displayed the right attitude to learning. This includes things like celebrating children who have tried something new; children who have persevered even when they find it difficult; children who have shown resilience; children who have concentrated; children who have learnt from mistakes; children who have gone the extra mile; children who have taken their learning further; children who really put a lot of effort into their learning, etc. This might mean that we are not necessarily celebrating the best piece of work but it is the attitude to learning that is being celebrated. This will also include children who show attitudes of kindness, patience and tolerance to other people, who are polite and helpful. The All Saints Awesome Attitude award will be to celebrate positive attitudes in all respects.

Alongside this we will be introducing a top table award for lunchtimes. The dining supervisors will be looking for children who are particularly well-behaved at lunch times. This will include things like using manners to say please and thank you; helping other children and adults; using knives and forks correctly; having good table manners; etc. As well as receiving a certificate in assembly on a Friday the children chosen will additionally be able to sit at a top table in the dining room on Monday lunchtime. This will have a table cloth on and juice will be available for the top table. The children will be able to go in first and if they have school lunches they will be able to eat their lunch from plates rather than the flight trays. You might notice around the school a picture of a YETI. This is to remind us all of the power of yet. Very often we hear children and ourselves saying things like "I can't do this. It's too hard for me. I have never been good at.....". Instead of this type of language we are working on using the word "yet" so instead of "I can't do this" we will be encouraging children to say "I can't do this, yet" and then developing the right attitude to enable them to achieve whatever it is that they cannot yet do. We believe that our children are capable of achieving anything if they really want to and are prepared to put in the necessary hard work and perseverance in order to get there. Please help us to achieve this and encourage your children to develop positive awesome attitudes.

ATTENDANCE

The average attendance last year throughout the school improved from the previous year. Thank you for working hard to ensure that your children attend school as much as possible. We understand that when your child is ill with more than a minor illness such as a cold or cough that they need to be at home recovering and we would not want them to come into school when they are unfit to do so. Please can you continue to remember to report your child's absence to the office. You can do this in a number of ways, by either phoning the school and leaving a message on the absence option, texting the school on 07786 207779, talking to a member of office staff directly or by sending in a signed note. We will continue to give out attendance certificates for good attenders and letters will be sent to people whose attendance is low. The government states that children whose attendance is below 90% are classed as persistently absent. Schools are expected to have overall rates of attendance of 96%+. So this year in addition to the termly attendance certificates will be also be having a weekly award for the class with the best attendance that week.

READING

Being able to read well is a key component of most aspects of learning. Thank you to everyone who regularly listens to their child read, we really appreciate the time that you take to do this. Being able to read the words on the page though is only the very start of being able to read. In order to test the reading ability of children the papers that the children have to take are all based on whether or not they understand what they are reading. For example it is possible to read aloud in a foreign language such as Italian or German when everything is pronounced as is seen, but not understand a word of what you are reading. So please when you are reading with your child as well as listening to them read, which is important, can you also spend some time talking about the book with them. For example asked them to summarize the story, or tell you what they think is going to happen next. Ask them something about the page they have just read to you. You might ask them to find words to describe a character from the story.

OPEN MORNINGS

We would like to invite you into school to see what is taking place in your child's classroom so we have planned a series of dates when you would be welcome to come into school for the first session of the day to see what is happening. Each day begins with registration and an act of collective worship. On these days please drop your children off as normal and then there will be tea/coffee available until the first session of the morning which runs from 9:25 to 10:10. We have chosen different days of the week throughout the year so please do join us for one or more of these sessions to see what is happening throughout the school.

All begin well they will be held as follows: 27th Sept, 26th Oct, 24th Nov, 23rd Jan, 3rd Mar, 23rd May, 21st

NEW PARENTS

On Monday 5th September we are holding a "tea and tissues" event in the studio. This is primarily aimed at Mums, Dads and carers of children in Robins class as this is their first full day of school, however all are very welcome. It is a chance for you to mingle and meet each other, and hopefully make some new friends yourselves.

Dates for the Diary

Please see the attached list of dates for the coming academic year. These are the dates planned so far. We will as far as possible try to stick with these dates but unfortunately we cannot guarantee that we will always be able to go ahead with the planned events on the planned days as unforeseen things can occur.