

SPA Today for 14th September 2018

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Whole School Attendance: 94.13%

Winning Class: Cedar with 100%



Dear Parents/Carers

A good week, with everyone now settled back into school life. A couple of dates for your diaries; 28th September from 2pm we will be organising afternoon tea for MacMillan research. You are welcome to come join us before going to class to read with your children. On 5th October we will be welcoming grandparents into school, to read with their children, to celebrate Grandparents' Day. Grandparents will be able to join their grandchildren for the mid morning break. Further details will follow on these events.

Jacqui Elwis

Headteacher



Parking

Please could we kindly ask that parents/carers do not park on the yellow zig zag lines outside school even if you are just dropping off. These are there for a reason to ensure that there is visibility for people when arriving/leaving school to cross. Please park with consideration to others. Thank you

Attendance

Whole school attendance for the short first week back was disappointing at 94.13%

However we had excellent attendance in Cedar at 100%! Can't do better than that! In second place came Beech on 98.55% and in third Silver Birch at 97.01%. Well done to those two classes.

At the start of another new school year it cannot be emphasised enough how important good attendance is, and that research shows that attendance has a direct impact on achievement. Let us hope for a good year so that all pupils can make the maximum progress possible.

Mr Williams, Attendance Officer

Culture of Safeguarding

Over the Summer Holidays we have installed a new online safeguarding tool onto our school computer network called Visigo provided by Smoothwall. This will be our new monitoring tool to replace our previous software called Policy Central. The advantage of Visigo is that our computers will be remotely monitored by Visigo for safeguarding circumstances. In the event that a child starts to look at items that we would not expect them to or they start communicating in a manner that is not acceptable, the Visigo team will either email our Online Safety Officer, Mr Owen, or if the situation is very serious they will contact the school by phone. The advantage of Visigo over Policy Central is that this is done in real time and we no longer have to wait for weekly reports.

Last week we sent out the Acceptable Use Agreements for you to sign in regard to ICT, please make sure that these are returned to school as soon as possible. Thank you

Traditional board game donations

We welcome donations of traditional board games such as snakes and ladders, chess, draughts, dominoes, etc for a club that is beginning this term. Thank you. Miss Tomlinson

Eco Club Enrichment group

The Eco club enrichment group are looking for donations of wildflower seeds, veg seeds, plant pots, buckets, compost and other planting equipment. We are also looking for clear plastic 2 litre bottles.

The group are hoping to develop the pond area into a wildlife and market garden.

Thank you

Diary Dates

Key Dates:

24th & 26th September 2018

Parents' Evening

28th September 2018

Macmillan cake & reading morning (more details to follow)

5th October 2018

Grandparents' Day (more details to follow)

12th October 2018

Harvest Festival

17th - 19th October 2018

Years 3 & 4 Ribbesford residential Trip

26th October 2018

Staff Training Day
(school closed)

29th October - 2 November 2018

Half Term

Class Catering

The dinner envelope coming home today is for week commencing 24th September 2018 which will need to be returned to school by Thursday 20th September 2018.

If your child is absent on a day that you have ordered a dinner, please ensure you cancel their dinner with Class Catering before 9.30am and money can be credited to another day. If you do not do this then that money is forfeited as meals would have already been prepared. Thank you

Admin

If you have any paperwork, trip money, dinner envelopes etc; to try and ease congestion at the office they can be put in your child's book bag or posted into the letter box which is located on the pink wall inside the main entrance. This is secure and emptied daily.

Hopefully later this term we will implement a cashless online system to reduce the money that comes into the office. **To assist us in the meantime please ensure the correct money/cheques and accompanying letters/slips are in an envelope clearly marked with pupils name, class and what payment it is for and for how much. We will NOT accept loose cash or cheques.**

Please can you ensure that your child comes to school fully equipped with what they need for the day, ie, lunch box (if applicable), drinks bottle, PE kit, etc. When it arrives late, it is disruptive to the class. Your help with this would be greatly appreciated.

The office is open from 8:15am – 4:00pm every week day. If you are reporting a pupil absence, you must telephone the school on 01299 822120 prior to 9:30am. Please try to avoid telephoning outside of these office hours unless your call is urgent.

Nursery

We still have a few places left in Nursery. All sessions are allocated on a first come first served basis. Please speak to a member of the nursery team.

School Admissions

If you have a child born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 an application for a primary school place for September 2019 needs to be made by 15th January 2019 to Worcestershire County Council.

For more information and to apply, visit: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/school-admissions