



# SPA Today for 6th January 2017 Aspiring to Excellence



**Whole School Attendance: 93.79%**  
**Winning Class: Sycamore with 99.05%**

### Attendance

Whole school attendance for the last week of last term was disappointing at 93.79% for a variety of reasons. However there were some very good attendances in certain classes.

Our overall winners were again Sycamore with 99.05%. Excellent. In second place not far behind came Silver Birch on 97.50%, and in third Willow on 96.82%, so well done to them to those two classes.

If children are not in school they are not learning and good attendance has been found to be vital to achievement.

We hope for a real improvement in the current attendance figures over this term so that the pupils can make the best possible progress that they can.

**Mr Williams, Attendance Officer**

### Foundation Stage Unit

We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We are very happy to welcome a new member of our nursery team – Jemma who will be working in Elderberry. Mrs Yarranton and Miss Ward are teaching in Elderberry and are enjoying getting to know your children.

The children that are in Mulberry have had an exciting 3 days settling back at nursery. We will now be working with Sally as an additional member of staff throughout the week in Mulberry. Please could all parents name and label all of their children's items including lunch boxes.

There will be a letter coming home next week regarding **parents evening** for Nursery children.



## Diary Dates

### Other Key Dates:

#### 11th January 2017

Youcubed Maths

#### 28th February 2017

School photographs

### New Weekly Attendance Award 2017

Children who come to school every day Monday to Thursday and are not late will be able to wear non-school uniform on Friday. They will be told if they have achieved this at the end of Thursday each week and they will be given a small card saying 'Attendance Award'. They will need to bring it back the next day to be awarded 20 Carrot Points.

We are ending the half termly attendance parties but the best attending class will still win the teddies for the week which is announced in Friday's Celebration Assembly.

### Class Catering

The dinner envelope coming home today is for week commencing 16th January 2017 which will need to be returned to school by Thursday, 12th January 2017.

### Year 2 Swimming

Swimming for Year 2 (Oak Class) will commence on Wednesday, 11th January 2017. This will be led by Miss Parker.

### Parents Evening ( Rainbow and Years 1 -6)

Look out for the parents evening letter coming home tonight which will take place for parents of pupils in Rainbow and Years 1-6 on the 25th and 26th January , 4:00pm- 6:00pm.

### YouCubed Week of Inspirational Maths

Next week the whole school will be taking part in a fun and exciting week of maths investigations. The week is about inspiring pupils through open, beautiful and creative maths. The different tasks have been chosen so that pupils see maths as a broad, interesting and visual subject that involves deep thinking. Pupils will learn important growth mindset messages that will help them feel confident, try harder all year, persist with open and difficult problems and embrace mistakes and challenge.

We would like to invite parents and carers in on Wednesday 11th January from 9:10-10:0am to participate in one of these lessons with their child/ren.

### School Admissions

If you have a child born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013 an application for a primary school place for September 2017 needs to be made by **15th January 2017 to Worcestershire County Council online at [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions)**

### Musical Tuition

For those pupils learning the violin, there is a Travel and Space themed Violin Concert on Tuesday 4th April, 6.30 - 7.30pm at Kidderminster Town Hall. Details to follow in the New Year.

Guitar tuition commences on Wednesday, 11th January 2017.

Clarinet and violin tuition starts week commencing 9th January 2017.



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