

## January 2023

Happy 2023 to all of our families



We are well into the Spring term and once again the children have returned with positive attitudes and an eagerness to learn. We finished the Autumn term off with some very exciting events. Year 1 children attended the Sleeping Beauty pantomime at the Winding Wheel and they all had an amazing time. Our Year 2 children went carol signing in town and wowed the audience with their singing. They also raised a lot of money for the Year 2 Enterprise. Reception did a sponsored Santa Dash where they showed everybody how energetic they were. They also raised a lot of money for the Reception Enterprise. All of the money that classes collect for Enterprise gets spent on the children through an exciting event at the end of the year. Thank you for all of your support with this..

### ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

We take attendance very seriously in school and expect all children to attend unless they are unwell. We ask that medical appointments are made outside of school hours and holiday requests will unfortunately not be authorised, which could result in a fine being issued if holidays are taken. These are the processes that we follow.

#### **Persistent Absentees: absence of 10% and above**

Students in this zone are more likely to underachieve, find making friendships difficult and to misbehave. If your child is persistently absent, you will be required to attend a meeting with Siobhan Bridgeman and if things still do not improve you will need to attend an attendance panel meeting. If attendance still does not improve legal action may be taken against parents/carers.

#### **Children at risk of becoming persistent absentees: 4% to 9.99% absence**

Students in this zone are at risk of underachieving due to their absence level. It is important that measures are put in place here to try to avoid these students falling in to the persistently absent zone. If your child is at risk of becoming a persistent absentee we will look at the circumstances and monitor the absences. We will also work with you to see if we can support with this.

#### **Children with low levels of absence: 0% to 3.99%**

We expect students to be in this zone throughout their education. Those children who are rarely absent are more likely to do well in examinations, have better job opportunities and develop strong friendships within school. This is our aspiration for all our children and they will be rewarded with certificates each term.



Breakfast and After-School Club.

There are still some available spaces for our wrap around care but these places are limited.

Breakfast Club- 7.45am-8.45am £2

After School Club- 3.15pm – 5.45pm £5

If you would like to sign up to any of these please phone the school office on 234727 for the information and the registration forms.

#### BAD WEATHER:

It is the time of the year when we may experience some very bad weather. As always we will do everything we can to keep school open. However, if we feel that the children, their families and staff safety is compromised, we will contact you. We will do this through Parent Mail to inform you of any closures so please check your phones in bad conditions and please make sure that you are connected to Parentmail. As always, our aim is to keep everyone safe.

Please remember that our gates open at 8.40am and school starts at 8.45am. Lessons begin at 8.55am so all children need to be in class by then. Our main gates will close at 8.55am so if you arrive after this you will need to go through the school office and this could result in a late mark. It is very important that your child is in school for their first lesson of the day.

#### Important dates:

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February – School closes for half term break  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February- School re-opens-World Book Week  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March-World Book Day-more details to follow.  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March-School closes for the Easter break  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March- INSET day- closed to all pupils  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April- School re-opens.

We will keep you informed of any Easter events that will be happening nearer the time.

**Safeguarding Support-** Please see numbers below if you need any support:

- **Starting Point and Call Derbyshire-** Tel 01629 533190 24/7 365 days a year. This service is for concerns that a child is suffering or at risk of significant harm
- **Derbyshire Domestic Abuse Helpline-** Tel 08000 198668. Free support, 7 days a week, for parents and carers of children who live in Derby and Derbyshire.
- **NSPCC-** Tel 0808 800 5000- Support for any concerns related to the safety of a child, including online safety.
- **School Designated Safeguard Leads-** Kelly Hill, Siobhan Bridgeman, Andrea James and Alison Kirkwood. Tel 01246 234727

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