



Half-Termly Update

We wanted to take this opportunity to say what a great start we have made to the new school year. The children have settled really well and we have been so impressed with their positive attitude to school and their learning. Most of the children are in the correct uniform and I know that teachers are speaking to children and parents about this – please remember that school shoes need to be **all black**.

The children need to be in school everyday. Our attendance is currently **96.4%**. Our school target is **96.6%**.

Good attendance = good learning

Please come and speak to the office team if you want to know what your child's attendance is currently. Mr Steadman monitors attendance and will contact you if your child is not in school.

Thank you for your continued support.



KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP

Playground Equipment

The children have been asking about whether we are going to be getting a climbing frame. Unfortunately, there is not much space on the playground for a new climbing frame. We are disappointed too!

SO..

We have ordered some amazing new play equipment for the children. We hope that it will be arriving some time this half term. This equipment will encourage the children to set up their own climbing and games activities. It is called SNUG. If we like it, we will continue to add to it.

We are listening to children's ideas about how to improve playtimes and lunchtimes.

We have been using the TINGA and the local park for our older children. We are continuing to develop a range of activities for all the children!



We are listening...



We have been meeting with parents on the playground and finding out your thoughts about school and listening to any concerns you might have:

What is happening at lunchtime?

The children have a 15 minute "sitting" for their dinner. This gives them the chance to enjoy their dinner. Any child who hasn't finished their dinner in the 15 minutes is encouraged to stay in the hall to finish. We want the children to enjoy their dinner! We also do not want the children to rush their dinner or not finish their food in order to get outside.

What about after school clubs?

We run a daily after school club "Care4Kids" – you received a letter about this last week. Please speak to the office about this.

Staff also lead clubs. This term we are running:

Monday – Choir with Mrs Jordan – KS2 only
Tuesday – Sports with Mr Hayward – KS2 only
Thursday – Sparkle group with Mrs Brandreth
- invite only

All clubs run from 3:00 – 3:45

We also run a **Breakfast Club – starting at 8:00 every morning. £2 a day.**

Behaviours and Consequences?

The children have responded well to our behaviour system. We focus on children's positive behaviour for learning but the children know that certain behaviours in the classroom or at playtime will lead to a consequence. The staff have reported to me that very few children have had consequences as they all want to earn their class dojos and don't want a consequence! In fact, we gave out our first Gold Card for 100 dojos this week!



Other Events...

There are still places available for the **Family Theatre Event** on Friday 15th December at 7:00pm. Please see Mrs Brandreth if you would like tickets!

We are currently reviewing residentials...



So far we have:

- Provided at least 6 months' notice
- Set up payment plans to help budget
- Set up 1 trip to Robinwood for Years 4 and 5

We are now looking at:

- Fundraising to help reduce the cost for all children
- Looking for additional funding so that we can reduce the cost for all children who want to go

We want to hear your ideas!

Please let us know your thoughts.

DON'T FORGET...

- ❖ Our Harvest Service is on **Thursday, 5th October at St Philip's Church**. We will be having a Harvest collection for local charities. You are all welcome to join us!
- ❖ Families are always welcome at our Friday celebration – 9:00 in the school hall. This is followed by a parents coffee morning which you are invited to.