



HEADTEACHER COMMENT

As you know, the National Union of Teachers took industrial action on Tuesday 5th July 2016 over the impact of funding cuts on teacher contracts, workload and children's education. This is a dispute between NUT members and the government; it was not a dispute with the school. The action (a one day strike) resulted in class or whole school closures across the country.

The decision to close the school and/or send pupils home is never taken lightly, but in this instance, where staff have elected to take lawful industrial action, I had no choice but to take appropriate steps to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of all pupils.

ATTENDANCE (W.B 27.6.16) (REMEMBER ABSENCE LINE: 675 4525)

Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost	Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost
RSBS Otters	2	80	5	RSBS Deers	0	93.75	2.5
RA	0	94	9	3P	1	98.33	2.5
RB	1	96.21	5.5	3S	1	90.69	13.5
1B	1	95.52	6.5	4A	1	94.33	8.5
1F	7	100	0	4H	1	95	7.5
2M	4	97.33	4	5B	4	95.67	6.5
2P	0	88.33	17.5	5S	3	100	0
				6B	3	92	12
Total	29	95.19	103	6H	0	98.33	2.5

Well done to the Year 1F and to both Year 5S who won the panda this week. Thank you for all the support with the punctuality over recent weeks. Looking back at this time last year both attendance and punctuality have improved. Attendance has improved by 0.5% and there are over 200 less latecomers, many thanks again.

NATIONAL TESTS YEAR 2 & YEAR 6

I'm sure you'll be aware that over the past few years there have been many changes to education and what happens in schools.

As we reach the end of this school year, I'd like to focus on the huge changes to primary school tests. The tests have been made harder this year and the way that the changes have been made has been very disruptive. Children were not given the normal amount of time to study for the tests.

This could mean that, despite their hard work and talent, some children will not reach the standards that they were expecting in the key stage tests. Please do not see this as any fault on the part of either your child or their teacher: rather, it is the outcome of changes to the national curriculum and a resetting of the expected standard.

In addition to the tests, the school will give you an end of term report, which includes the teachers' own assessment of how well your child has done in reading, writing, maths and science. It will also give you other information which will help you support your child as they move into secondary school.

As a parent, you will want to be reassured that your child has continued to work hard and be happy in what they do in school. Their teacher will have kept you up to date on their progress throughout the year but if you have concerns or queries about your child please do not hesitate to raise them with your child's teacher initially.

SCHOOL SUMMER CONCERT

The concert on Thursday night was an incredible celebration of the entire musical talent of Hollywood: Woodwind (Flutes & Clarinets), Strings (Violins & Violas), Guitars, Ukuleles, Harmonicas, Recorders, Brass (Horns & Cornet) and the choir. It was an amazing night - the children showed their true talents and the parents deserve equal credit for their tremendous support. Again I must thank Ms Rose and all the staff for the support they give this area.

SPORTS DAYS

Our three sports days will be held next week. Children should come to school wearing PE kit and wear it all day. Once children have gone into school, can parents please clear the playground to enable staff to set up the sports equipment. The Pickenham Road gates will then be open at 9.20am for the morning sessions and 1.00pm on afternoon sessions.

HSBC BANK

The last visit of this year from our bank lady will be on Monday 11th July.

IS YOUR CHILD ELIGIBLE FOR PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING?

Your child will have brought home a letter today regarding Pupil Premium Funding. To ensure that they receive all the funding they are entitled to, please complete the short form on the back of the letter (even if you think you may not be eligible) and return to school by Wednesday 20th July, marked for the attention of Mrs Powell. This will ensure that our records are up to date for all children. If you would like help completing the form, Mrs Powell will be available at a drop-in session on Wednesday 13th July from 2.45pm in the main entrance area. Thank you for your assistance.

SAINSBURYS ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

A huge thank you to everyone who sent in Active Kids vouchers, we got over 15,000 vouchers this year which will be used on equipment for clubs and in the playground.

RECEPTION CLASSES ASSEMBLY

On 20th July please can your Reception child wear a t-shirt that is the same colour as their social group. Children should wear school trousers, shorts or school skirt as well. If you have any queries please speak to class teachers, thanks.

LIBRARY APPEAL

Could those children who still have any School library books please return them before we break up for the summer holidays. Thank you - Mrs Haddock.

NEWSLETTER MAILING LIST

Most parents download the newsletter on a weekly basis from the website; you can now sign up to have the newsletter sent to your email address. This will mean that there will be three possible methods of receiving the letter: email, website or paper copy. The link for this service is on the website, under the newsletters 2016 section in the parents area.

FAMILY FUN DAY

There will be a fun day at Manningford Hall on Sunday 17th July 2016 from 2 – 5pm, it is in aid of Maypole Girlguiding groups. There will be a bouncy castle, tombola and games, soft play, go karts, refreshments, business stalls, glitter faces and face painting. Come along and support this great cause!

SECONDARY TRANSFERS

There will be a short meeting for the parents of any Year 6 (current Year 5) children at 7.00pm on Thursday 15th September to run through the procedure for secondary transfer. Children in Year 5 should receive a letter about this process shortly.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Monday 11th July** - Reception/Year 1 Sports Day - 9.30am – 11am
- Monday 11th July** - Year 2/Year 3 Sports Day 1.30pm – 3.30pm
- Wednesday 13th July** - Year 4/5/6 Sports Day 1pm – 3.30pm
- Tuesday 19th July** - Dress rehearsal of Leaver's Performance to school 2.00pm
- Tuesday 19th July** - Leaver's Performance 7.00pm
- Thursday 21st July** - Prom 4.30 – 7.00pm
- Friday 22nd July** - Break up for the summer holidays
- Monday 5th September** - Teacher training day 1 of 5
- Tuesday 6th September** - Children return to school after the summer holidays

Term Dates 2016 - 2017

AUTUMN TERM 2016	SPRING TERM 2017	SUMMER TERM 2017
Monday 5 September To Friday 21 October ~ HALF TERM ~ Monday 31 October to Friday 16 December (70 days)	Tuesday 3 January to Friday 17 February ~ HALF TERM ~ Monday 27 February to Friday 7 April (64 days)	Monday 24 April to Friday 26 May ~ HALF TERM ~ Monday 5 June to Tuesday 25 July (61 days)

N.B May Day is Monday 1st May 2017

TEACHER TRAINING DAYS

Monday 5th September 2016 Monday 31st October 2016 Tuesday 3rd January 2016
Monday 24th July 2016 Tuesday 25th July 2016

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Dreams are today's answers to tomorrow's questions. Edgar Cayce

Many thanks

Mr S Dix
(Head Teacher)