



Dear Parents,

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Happy New Year and welcome back to school!

Our children made a perfect start in our first assembly on Wednesday and I was really proud of their polite and respectful behaviour. Thank you for that wonderful start to the New Year everyone!

Some New Year Reminders!

School Uniform

We have noticed some 'relaxation' of our school uniform and we are wondering if this is related to our decision to continue to allow children to come to school in their PE kits on PE Days (and Forest School). We have heard the excuse: 'I thought it was PE day!' before now but please ensure your child is in the correct school uniform/PE kit/Forest School kit on the correct days. If we continue to allow PE kit on PE days, then we need to be more smartly dressed on the other days. Let's watch this space and I'll ask the teachers if our general school uniform improves. And please don't get me started on school shoes or trainers either!

Water bottles

Please also make sure your child has a water bottle in school every day because hydration is a really importance factor for effective learning. Please ensure your child has that advantage.

No Smoking Site

Just a reminder too that we are a no smoking site and that includes e-cigs. We have noticed a few puffs of smoke recently so please refrain from smoking in our school grounds. Thank you.

Staff Car Park Our staff car park is a car park for staff. It is not a drop off place for parents especially around 8.45-9am when there are lots of children and parents and prams milling around. That's just dangerous ... and inconsiderate. Children are unpredictable.

Christmas week

As I reflect on last term, all our Christmas week events were such a great success (... apart from the pantomime after the pantomime!!) so thank you for engaging with us and supporting us in all that we try to do for your children. So many people go above and beyond at this time of year and I really appreciate everyone's wonderful efforts. Doing things for others is one of the most rewarding things you can do.

Mr. O'Brien's Sports Coach Report Many thanks to Mr. O'Brien for this message.

I will be reminding all our children which days are their PE days so they are in the correct uniform. I'll try to notice when they aren't too. Full participation in sport and PE includes taking pride in wearing the correct kit. It's exactly the same for school uniform and learning.

This week's attendance figures

Whole School Weekly Attendance Figure = 93.5% (Below Local Authority Target 96%)						
Class R	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
92.2%	92.5%	98.1%	90.8%	97.4%	97.1%	87.4%

Well done to **Class 2** for scoring the highest attendance level in all our classes this week. That's great stuff but we were still below the LA target of 96%. Let's try to beat that target together!

And finally... 2023! Can you believe it? Let's make this year the best ever! Let's learn as much as we possibly can and to do that we need to be well-behaved and considerate as well as being resilient and determined to do well. We all know working hard is hard work but everyone can work hard if we decide it's important enough. It is important so let's find advantages this year for ourselves and each other... and remember that we're all here to help you too.

God Bless, Mark Dixon, Headteacher, 马克·迪克森 校长 (王大龙)