'Learning for Life'



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

It has been a tricky few weeks in school as a number of staff have been unwell, we have appreciated your support and understanding with this.

Earlier this week we sent out a letter containing details of a number of upcoming events, including information about Wear Red for SELFA (next Friday -15^{th})



did not receive this letter, there is a copy on the website or you can pick up a replacement paper copy in the office.

and World Book Day (Thursday 7th March). If you

We had our first 'proper'snow last week! Whilst we aim to stay open whenever it is safe to do so, in the event of school having to close due to snow, parents will be informed via a 'ParentPay' message. We will also post a message on the school website and try to send a text message. Stray FM is also contacted to publicise any closure. We do aim to make the decision as early as possible.

As ever, if there is anything we can help with please do contact us.

Kind regards, Mrs Herbert

E-Safety

The online world is forever changing and in order to keep our children safe, we as adults must ensure that our knowledge and skills are current.

For more information on e-safety please visit Think U Know.



This is the education programme from CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection), a UK organisation which protects children both online and offline. The site has information for parents and carers and games for children of different ages to help them to learn about online safety. <u>https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/</u>

Parent View



Did you know if you register, you can place your views on the school and the work we do at...

www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk

Reminder We break up for half term on Friday 22nd February.



** Class Assemblies **

Thursday 14th March – Willow Thursday 21st March – Oak Thursday 4th April – Birch

Parents of children in each class are invited to join us after morning registration to find out what they have been up to in class.

Due to Mrs Davison having to start her maternity leave a little earlier, we have cancelled Blossom class parent assembly on Thursday 14th February and will set a new date when Mrs Harrison starts with us.

School Absence

So far this year, there has been a rise in the number of pupils with attendance levels that have been shown to impact on their progress. Whilst we all understand that time off is sometimes unavoidable, we would be negligent if we did not continue to remind you of the proven negative impact this can have on the learning and self-esteem of pupils, who may worry about falling behind, miss key points in their learning as well as taking significant lengths of time to settle back into school routines following even a short absence. We also have a small number of pupils on the 'Persistent Absentee' threshold set by the local authority (less than 90% attendance). If you are concerned about absence, please come and talk to us so we see how we can help.

We also received a large number of requests for leaves of absence in the Autumn term. The full attendance & holidays in term time policy is available on the website but just a reminder that:

- Applications should be returned to the

school as far in advance as possible and preferably at least 6 weeks before the requested period of absence.

- Leaves of absence cannot be authorised retrospectively.

- Leaves of absence can only be authorised by the school in exceptional circumstances (examples are given in the full policy).

Thank you for your support.



Swimming Gala

A huge well done to our swimmers who took part in the Craven Swimming Gala on Friday 18th children. The children were fantastic representatives at the school and really supported both each other and the other competitors. There was some very stiff competition in every race - well done to Jack in Birch class who placed 3rd in his race. We're sure you will all agree that they all looked the part, our thanks to Jack's mum who helped sort us out with swimming hats and t-shirts.



Your support for your child's education is crucial to their progress. Please tell us if there are any adjustments we need to make to help you support your child, for example: letters in large font; letters in different languages; wheelchair access; explaining things over the phone.





If you would like a booking form please ask Mrs Herbert.