



SCHOOL NEWS

Autumn : 2024

Welcome back to all our families. We hope you had a restful summer and we look forward to the year ahead! You will be invited to attend a parents welcome meeting with your child's new class teacher. These meetings will ensure all the important messages about what is happening for your child and when is shared with you. These will mostly be happening after school on a given date and the children will be able to wait in the hall while the meetings take place – they are short information sessions and ensure you feel up to date with what is happening in school so we encourage you to join us for these important messages.



Trip money

A reminder that we are changing the procedures for collecting trip money following the parent feedback questionnaire. You will now be given the total cost of the main class trip as early as possible before it takes place. You will then have the option to pay the full amount or via instalments – whichever is your preference. Please note that trips can only go ahead if sufficient funds are collected. If this is not the case, we may have to cancel trips and visits out of school.

Uniform

We have a uniform policy in school that we ask parents to adhere to. Children should not be wearing sports clothes as their main school uniform – this includes trainers. If trainer style shoes are preferred, they should be all black. Children are able to wear stud earrings that they can remove for PE – if your child is wearing hooped earrings, they will be asked to remove them. No child should be wearing any other jewellery unless for religious reasons that have been discussed and agreed with the head teacher. Our uniform policy is available on the school website.



Attendance Updates

You will have received a letter at the end of last year detailing the updated attendance monitoring and support systems in place in school. Our policies are in line with the DfE Working Together to Improve Attendance document which can be accessed online. If you have any concerns about your child's attendance or the penalty notice procedures, please see a member of the attendance team.



ATTENDANCE

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL			
* Current Department for Education (DfE) data for 2023. The Government states that every child's attendance should be at least 95%.			
How do YOU measure up?			
Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	13.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	15.5 Weeks	340 Lessons

- 89% & Below: Drastic effect on academic achievement
- 95%-90%: Cause for concern
- 100%-96%: Excellent

Key Dates

- Friday 20th September: Jungle Book Pantomime for years 1- 6 (No Take Care Assembly on this day)
- Thursday 26th September – Year 3 to Brackenhurst for Stone Age day
- **Friday 4th October – INSET day – school closed**
- Monday 14th October – Year 6 to The Black Country Museum: The Victorians
- Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th October – Parents evenings
- Friday 18th October – Last day of half term
- **Monday 21st October to Friday 1st November – Half term**
- Monday 4th November – School reopens
- Wednesday 6th November – Reception to Green’s Windmill – Little Red Hen workshop
- Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th – SCARF Life education workshops for Reception to year 6
- Wednesday 27th November – Teddy Bear Hospital visiting Reception (children bring a teddy)
- Wednesday 27th November – Year 5 to University of Nottingham experience day
- Christmas dates will sent out at a later date



Drumming workshops for RE day



Supporting your child’s learning at home

Your child should have a login for **Showbie**. You can see what your child is doing in school on here for some subjects e.g music, Spanish, art etc

Children in F2, year 1 and year 2 will also have a **phonics book** on Showbie to read at home to practice using the sounds they are learning in school. Please see your child’s teacher if you don’t have their login and please encourage them to access this phonics book at home.

Children from year 3 to 6 have a login for **Times tables Rockstars**. Please encourage your child to use this at home – 5-10 mins a day will be better than half an hour on one day. Children will take the multiplication tables check in year 4 which relies on the children being able to recall times tables answers quickly. Lots of practice will help them with this.

Finally, we ask children to read at least 3 times a week. This will be a colour banded book or free reader book from our school library. Reading to you will help children develop their reading fluency, understanding and vocabulary. We do not set ‘project’ type homework as we would prefer children to spend their time practising their reading, phonics and times tables instead, as these are fundamental to all learning that happens in school.