



NEWSLETTER

Term 3 : 1

January 2020

Dear Parents

Happy New Year and welcome back to a very short term 3 – we will all be very busy making sure we work hard and learn lots before we break up on Friday 14th February, Valentine's Day!

Mrs Billinge

Newsletters

The school makes regular use of many forms of communication with parents ie; text, email, Facebook, twitter and the new school jotter app. This enables us to ensure messages and information are delivered in a timely way. For this reason we are going to trial issuing our regular newsletter twice termly. One at the beginning of term and one at the end.

Staff

We welcome Mrs Sanghera back, teaching in year 2 after her maternity leave. We also congratulate Mrs Roberts, who is expecting her second baby later this year.

In December we said goodbye to Mrs Danby, teaching assistant in year 2, who retired. We wish her a happy and healthy retirement.

School Meals

Menus are available to book up until February half term. Orders need to be booked by midnight Saturday for the following week.

Charity Fundraising

I am immensely proud of the community response to our regular fundraising events. The grand total for donations to Young lives vs Cancer CLIC Sargent was £1249.52.

Thank you.

Our next event has already begun, children are busy making their wishes and tags should be returned to class by Monday 13th January with a suggested donation of £1 for Winston's Wish.

We will be displaying the tags for public viewing on Friday 17th January from 1:30pm in the theatre and Monday 20th January from 8:30 – 8:45am. Parents are invited to bring their child to find their tag and read all of the others.

Additional tags will be available on the day for parents to share their own wish and then be tied alongside their child's. Boxes will be out for donations.

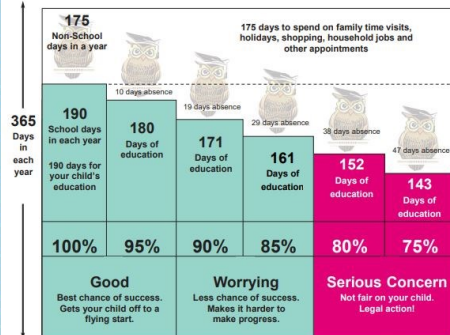
Starting Primary School September 2020

An urgent reminder if you have a child born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 you need to apply for a primary school place by 15th January 2020. Link for the online application below:
https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20071/school_places_and_admissions/427/

Every school day counts!



- Days off school add up to lost learning.
- Please don't let your children miss out on the education they deserve.
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Teacher Training Days

The remaining Teacher Training Day for this academic year is:

- Friday 10th July 2020

Analysis of attendance figures showed that taking this extended holiday in October 2019 reduced the percentage of holiday taken in term time around this period by a third. With this in mind I have decided to repeat this for the academic year 2020/21.

School will be closed to children from Monday 19th October 2020 for two weeks; children will return to school on Monday 2nd November 2020.

Three Teacher Training Days will be allocated, making the holiday period a full 2 weeks.

Family Holidays in Term Time

Schools have a very full curriculum to follow within the term time given and any absence has a negative effect on a child's learning. Whilst we acknowledge that illness cannot be helped, holidays should be taken during school closure periods. Following Government expectations on attendance, no leave of absence/holiday will be authorised for any child, irrespective of their attendance, except for exceptional circumstances.

Any request for leave must be made in writing, addressed to the Headteacher. A response will be returned indicating whether leave is authorised. Any absence not authorised may be liable to a local authority penalty notice.

Considerate Parking

The school car park is for staff and agreed visitors only. Please can I remind parents not to park or to drive in, even if the school gates are open, when arriving to drop off or collect your child. This should also be observed for Breakfast Club and after school clubs.

We encourage families to park in Morrisons car park wherever possible and politely request that when parking in surrounding roads to do so with consideration for the children, other adults and the local community. Please obey the restrictions in place and do not park in an obstructive manner.

The safety of the children is our priority.

After School Clubs

There is still some availability on our after school clubs. Booking and payment for the clubs should be made online through Scopay. Places are only secured once payment is made and the permission box ticked.

CLUB	LOCATION	DAY	CLASSES	DATES	COST
Indoor Team Games	Main Hall	Monday 3.20 – 4.15pm	Classes 10 - 21	January 13,20,27 February 3,10,24 March 2,9,16,23	10 sessions £25
Girls Sports	Main Hall	Tuesday 3.20 – 4.15pm	Classes 10 - 21	January 14,21,28 February 4,11,25 March 3,10,17,24	10 sessions £25
Fundamentals	Main Hall	Wednesday 3.20 – 4.15pm	Classes 4 - 9	January 15,22,29 February 5,12,26 March 4,11,18,25	10 sessions £25
Multi Sports	Main Hall	Thursday 3.20 – 4.15pm	Classes 10 - 21	January 16,23,30 February 6,13,27 March 5,12,19,26	10 sessions £25
Zumba	Theatre	Thursday 3.20 – 4.15pm	Classes 4-9	January 16,23,30 February 6,13,27 March 5,12,19,26	10 sessions £25
Multi Sports	Main Hall	Friday 1.30 – 2.15pm	Classes 4-9	January 17,24,31 February 7,14,28 March 6,13,20,27	10 sessions £25