

Update 2nd October 2020

Hi all,

Your children have again been brilliant this week and are all working incredibly hard, but the hard work hasn't stopped there! My staff have also been working hard on our learning environments this week and although we can't welcome you into school at the moment we wanted you to see how brilliant things are looking and so I have included a selection of photos of some of our areas.

On a different note, I need to remind you all about social distancing whilst on our school grounds. Only one person from a family should be dropping off and picking up children to keep numbers to a minimum. Some schools are asking parents to wear face masks during these times and this is not something I want to impose, but will, if we feel social distancing is not being adhered to.

Finally, a reminder – please can we be mindful of the language we are using whilst on school grounds during drop off and pick up times. I have had several complaints from parents and visitors to our school about this throughout this week and it cannot continue. I will take further action if it does continue, this may include asking certain parents not to be on school site at all.

As ever, we appreciate your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Ferguson



LEARNING ISN'T A
WAY OF REACHING
ONE'S POTENTIAL
BUT RATHER A WAY
OF DEVELOPING IT.



Cauliflower Christmas Cards Deadline

The deadline for ordering any Christmas cards, Christmas mugs, gift tags or wrapping paper is
4.00pm on Friday 16th October 2020.

Unfortunately, artwork and payment cannot be accepted after this date.

Secondary School Admission Deadline

Year 6 Parents / Carers – the deadline for applying for a secondary school place is 31st October 2020. If you are experiencing difficulties in applying, please contact Mrs Leddy and she will do her best to assist you. Thank you

Attendance for 2020 - 2021

OUR ATTENDANCE TARGET FOR THIS YEAR IS 96 %.

Well done AGAIN to The Trailblazers for achieving 98.6 % attendance this week!!!

Weekly Attendance	
The Trailblazers	98.6 %
The Pathfinders	97.7 %
The Adventurers	93.9 %
The Pioneers	91.9 %
The Explorers	90.3 %

Additional Attendance Information

PUNCTUALITY:

It is the parent or carer's responsibility to ensure that their child arrives to school each day on time. If they are late to school they will receive a late mark "L," or "U" if after the register has closed. A "U" mark is considered the same as unauthorised absence. Lateness not only impacts on your child but disturbs the learning of the other children in the classroom and prevents the teacher making a suitable start. A good morning routine is necessary and advice and support for this if needed can be sought from school.

Minutes late per day during the school year	Number of days across an academic year
5 minutes	3.4 days
10 minutes	6.9 days
15 minutes	10.3 days
20 minutes	13.8 days
30 minutes	20.7 days

ABSENCE:

If your child is going to be absent from school it is important that you inform us **each day**, stating the reason and expected return date. This is to ensure good safeguarding of our children. The only acceptable reason for absence is illness and other select exceptional circumstances.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS should be made outside of school hours where possible and where not, your child should attend school both before and after their appointment if possible. If we do not know why your child is absent this can heighten our concern and we may need to investigate. If your child has a health condition that may impact upon their attendance please inform school as soon as possible. You may be asked to provide supporting evidence for your child's absence. This could include appointment cards, letters from your GP, Dentist or NHS provider letters or sight of the child's medication which states their name and date prescribed.

INDIVIDUAL ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGE:

We thought it was important to help our parents and carers understand attendance as it is often included on reports sent home. Each school day consist of two sessions, morning (AM) and afternoon (PM), a child therefore receives two marks each day, equating to 10 per week. If you were notified that your child had missed 4 sessions in school, this would mean they had missed 2 days.

Key Dates

Autumn Half Term 2020	Thursday 22nd October 2020	Monday 2nd November 2020
Christmas 2020	Friday 18th December 2020	Monday 4th January 2021

Teacher Training Days — Friday 23rd October 2020.