



Weekly round up!

Sports Day Preparation

We are busy preparing for our upcoming Sports Day, which is always a highlight of the school year. All children have been assigned to their house teams and will be taking part in a range of activities designed to promote teamwork, participation, and fun. Events will include a mixture of traditional races, team challenges, and opportunities for pupils of all abilities to take part and succeed. Pupils have been learning about the importance of good sportsmanship, encouraging one another, celebrating effort, and representing their teams positively. We are looking forward to a fantastic day where children can showcase their skills, resilience, and team spirit.

Year 2 Celebration

Year 2 recently enjoyed a special celebration afternoon, where they invited a 'special male role model' to join them for games and treats. This was a lovely event and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Assessments

Year 6 are busy practising for their end-of-year production. I have had a sneak preview, and it is shaping up to be fantastic! They are also working hard on their writing assessments.

Pupils across all year groups will be taking part in assessments this week and next. We are very proud of the effort and focus they are showing.

School Council Fundraising

I recently met with the School Council to discuss fundraising ideas. They have chosen to hold a 'Wear Something Red' day on Thursday 25th June, with a suggested donation of £1 in support of the British Heart Foundation.

INSET Day Reminder

Please note that **school will be closed to pupils on Friday 26th June** for a staff INSET day.

Learning together, aiming for excellence!

attendance matters Term time holidays

We have recently seen an increase in the number of requests for holidays during term time. While we understand that families may have valid reasons for making these choices, it is important to be clear that term-time holidays do not qualify as exceptional circumstances and will therefore be recorded as unauthorised absence.

In line with Department for Education (DfE) guidance and local authority procedures, the school is required to report any unauthorised holiday absence of 5 days (10 sessions) or more. This may result in a penalty notice (fine) being issued.

There is sometimes a common misconception that schools receive money from these fines. We would like to clarify that the school does not receive any of the funds collected.

Our priority is to ensure that all pupils attend school regularly. We know that absence has a significant impact on children's academic progress as well as their social development. Parents should also be aware that taking holidays during term time could lead to further sanctions if patterns of absence develop.

We are committed to applying our attendance policy consistently, fairly, and equitably for all families. At the same time, we recognise that there may be genuine barriers to attendance, and we are here to support families in overcoming these challenges. If you are experiencing difficulties, please contact the school so we can work together to find solutions.

Thinking about booking a holiday during term time?

REMEMBER: ANY ABSENCE MUST BE REQUESTED IN ADVANCE

Absence for an activity or holiday that can be arranged during the annual 13-week holiday time will not be authorised during the school term.

A penalty notice may be issued if there are five days/10 sessions or more of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period. This can include irregular attendance.

First offence - the first time a penalty notice is issued for term time leave or irregular attendance, the amount will be **£160** per parent per child to be paid within 28 days. Reduced to **£80** per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

A penalty will be issued for each child

£160 + £160 + £160
3 x children + 1 parent = £480
reduced to £240 if paid within 21 days

A family of two parents and two children

£160 + £160
2 x children + 2 parents = £640
reduced to £320 if paid within 21 days

Second offence (within 3 years) - the amount will be **£160** per parent per child to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.

2 parents + 1 child £320
2 children £640
3 children £960

Third offence - a penalty notice will not be issued, the case will be presented to the Magistrates' Court for prosecution, where either a fine of up to **£2,500**, a community order or a custodial sentence of up to three months can be imposed. A conviction in the Magistrates' Court may be disclosed on future DBS certificates.

Dudley

Class Attendance %

1H 98.5
1CD 95.1
2R 95
2M 95.2
3W 94.4
3H 91.2
4O 94.6
4S 94.8
5K 94.1
5F 93.1
6H 92.7
6W 88.9
Ducklings 93.4
Hedgehogs 92.7

Football Reminder

We have purchased a number of footballs over the last 12 months so pupils can enjoy playing at break and lunchtime, as well as lessons.

However, several balls are being kicked over the school fence and not returned. If you happen to find any school footballs outside of the school grounds, please could you return them to the school office.

Thank you for your support.

Well done to our class
attendance winners this week



Summer 2 Week 3

Learning together, aiming for excellence!