



Friday 27th January 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance

Thank you to all those parents who have got their children to school on time every day this week. It makes a real difference to your child's school day. I have been very disappointed however, to see that some children are still late for school again. This week we have 60 late marks. The school attendance and absence policy states that:

Parents are expected to ensure that pupils are present at registration. A late mark is awarded if arrival is after 9.00am but the register is still open. If the pupil arrives at school late when the register has already closed, an unauthorised mark is awarded.

The bell is rang two minutes before nine to give the children time to line up ready to enter school at 9.00 am. I expect children to be on the playground before the bell rings, so that they can line up with their class ready to start the school day. We will continue to monitor lateness and attendance very closely as this can have a huge impact on children's education.

Spotlight Dates

The dates for the Spotlight performances are **Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th April** not the dates mentioned in last week's newsletter - apologies for the confusion! As soon as we know the timings then we will let you know.

Governor News

At the last Full Governing Body Meeting Rev. James Saunders stood down as the chair and Liz Clarke was elected. Rev. Saunders will continue as a member of the Governing Body until his term runs out. He has been a key member of the Governing Body over the past few years and we thank him very much for all his hard work. Liz has been a member of the Governing Body for a few years and knows the school very well.

Thank you very much to Kim Stuart-Jones and Graham Howes for all their hard work as part of the Governing Body over the past few years. They have stepped down from the Governing Body and this means we have two vacancies for Parent Governors. If you are interested in supporting the school and would like to find out more then please pop in to see me for a chat. A letter was sent out earlier this week with details of how you can stand for election.

This week at school

On Thursday Dr Sarah Furness, the High Sherriff of Rutland, visited school. She talked to the children about the history of her role as the High Sherriff of Rutland. She's only the 11th woman to be nominated for the role which has been in existence since the 11th Century! Dr Furness is hosting a service celebrating the County of Rutland at Peterborough Cathedral on Sunday 26th February at 3.30pm, if you are interested then please pop into school for an invitation.

Vacancies at school

We are currently looking to appoint a Teaching Assistant to work with an individual child in school. If you are interested then please pop into the office or look in the Rutland Mercury or the Rutland Times for more information.

Badgers Class (Year 2) Parents – SATs information evening

A quick reminder that this evening we will be holding an information evening for parents of children in Year 2. We will be sharing information about the end of Key Stage SATs (standardised attainment tests) including looking at some papers so you can see what the children will be doing in May and discussing fun ways that you can help at home. Please make time to come along to this important meeting to support your child's learning.

Best wishes



J. Exton

Dates for your Diary – Term 3 and 4

TONIGHT	5.00-5.45 Badgers - Year 2 SATs information Evening Please come along to this meeting to find out more about Year 2 SATs and how you can support your child at home.
TONIGHT	School Disco 5.00-5.45 Squirrels, Hedgehogs, Badgers 6.00-7.00 Foxes, Rabbits, Woodpeckers, Owls
Monday 30 th January	Number Week – we will be having a week focusing on maths
Tuesday 31 st January	Young Voices – Woodpeckers (Year 5) will be representing the school at the Young Voices
Friday 3 rd February	Number Day – to celebrate the end of Number Week we are having a Number Day in school. Can you come to school in clothes that are linked to maths and numbers? 3.00 – 3.30 Open Afternoon. A chance to visit your child's class to find out more about Number Week.
Friday 3 rd February	School nurse in for Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight checks
Friday 10 th February	Last day of term 3
Monday 20 th February	Start of Term 4
Tuesday 28 th February	9.10 am Hedgehogs Class Assembly
Monday 20 th March	4.00 - 7.00 Parents Evening
Tuesday 21 st March	4.00 – 6.00 Parents Evening
Tuesday 4 th April	Spotlight Dance Showcase – Timings to be confirmed
Wednesday 5 th April	Spotlight Dance Showcase – Timings to be confirmed