



Head Teacher Newsletter

Friday 22nd September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Attendance

Following the launch of our new attendance initiative, I am pleased to share that six classes achieved the target of 97% attendance last week. Three of them were Year 3 classes who earned an extra playtime as a result! Well done all six classes and fingers crossed for Monday when the next attendance heroes will be revealed.

Teaching and Learning

Where required, children have been busy completing assessments in reading, phonics and maths. These assessments provide essential information for teachers to use when planning learning opportunities.

One of our school development priorities this year is to support our children to become more independent and have the confidence to have a go. Some children worry about getting things wrong. It is important for our children to know that making mistakes is an integral part of the learning process and that it is ok. Teachers analyse mistakes and use them to plan next learning steps. At school, we share this mantra in individual classes as well as in Collective Worship. Endurance is one of our core values after all! I am asking for your help by reiterating this to your children.

Every learning unit is staffed at playtime for children that need to finish off work they were expected to complete during lessons. Teachers use their professional judgement when deciding if a child needs to access this extra support. It is rare a child does not access any playtime at all.

Collective Worship

Rev Jonathan Bish will be leading an act of collective worship next Tuesday. We are really looking forward to this. Children always enjoy his visits!

Contact details

Please notify school of changes of phone numbers and email addresses. School Ping uses this information when we send out information. If a child sustains an injury, Medical Tracker sends an email notification to the first contact on a child's list. We call Parents/Carers about injuries if they are to the head. Thank you for your support with this.

Sports Clubs

Seven sports clubs, which include table tennis, football, cricket, dodgeball, cross country and tag rugby, start next week! The demand for places was high and unfortunately not everyone that requested a place secured one. The children that did not secure a place this time will be prioritised for the next round of clubs. I want to thank the Bywell Team for volunteering to run these clubs. Without their goodwill, it would be impossible.

School Council

Our School Council members are now established and I cannot wait to start working with them! We will hold our first official meeting next week and keep families updated about their work as it develops.

See you at the gate!

Kind Regards

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