



NEWSLETTER

8th February 2019

“The only way to achieve the impossible is to believe it is possible”

Dear Parents/Carers,

Attendance

Wk. beginning 21 st January	Amber	99.3%
Wk. beginning 28 th January	Ruby	98.5%

Praise Assemblies

Well done to all our pupils who received Praise Certificates in our recent assemblies for ‘Being the Best’ and ‘Reading Progress’! A special thank you to all our parents who continue to support their child’s reading by ensuring regular practice at home. From our experience, this makes such a difference to the progress made by the pupils and really does motivate them to achieve even greater things. Thank you for your continued support.

Dental and Medical Appointments

Our attendance records need to show details of all pupils who attend medical appointments, whether at a doctor’s surgery, hospital or dentist etc. In order for the correct information to be recorded and to ensure the absence is marked as authorised, we need to see proof of all appointments. We would, therefore, request you bring proof in (i.e. text message, appointment card/compliment slip or letter from hospital) when your child returns to school, whereupon a copy can be kept in their file. Thank you for your assistance.

School Uniform/P.E. Kit

It has become evident that standards are dropping for a growing number of pupils with regards to school uniform. Can we remind you that a tie is also part of our uniform and must be worn at all times. School uniform should be as follows;

Girls

- Grey skirt, pinafore dress or trousers, white blouse and school tie
- A green gingham dress in summer
- Green cardigan, jumper or v-neck sweatshirt
- Green fleece (for outdoor use only)
- Black or brown sensible shoes
- Grey or green tights or white socks
- Hair bands etc. in school colours
- NO make-up, nail varnish or jewellery
- **NO boots**

Boys

- Grey trousers, white shirt and school tie
- Green jumper or v-neck sweatshirt
- Green fleece (for outdoor use only)
- Black or brown sensible shoes
- NO jewellery
- **NO trainers**

We will be monitoring the situation and any child not adhering to the policy on numerous occasions will receive a letter giving specific details of incorrect uniform.

Chinese New Year

Next week the children will have the opportunity to take part in a ‘Lion Dance’ workshop to celebrate Chinese New Year. If your child does not already have a red t-shirt in school (for P.E.), please send one in by Tuesday 12th February if they have one at home. The t-shirts will be sent home by Friday 15th February.

Fizz Free February

Friday 1st February marked the start of Fizz Free February, meaning it is time to ditch sugary drinks for 28 days. We wish to remind all parents that, as a 'healthy school' we do promote healthy options both in our school meals and, hopefully, in children's lunchboxes. Based on data from the Heights and Weights programme, Sandwell schools, including Perryfields, have one of the highest percentages of pupils who are classed as being obese. Added to which, there has been a sharp increase in the number of primary aged children diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes. Much of this has been attributed to food choices and lifestyle. We ask that you support us in this very important matter by **not** sending your children with crisps, sweets or chocolate bars either in lunchboxes or as a mid-morning snack. Pupils in Reception and Key Stage One have fruit provided by the Government or can buy toast (25p) from the school kitchen. We therefore request that pupils in Key Stage Two do the same. You can find out more about the reasons to quit fizzy drinks and sign up to take part at www.fizzfreesandwell.co.uk.

On-site Car Park

We have a growing number of parents, particularly those whose children attend P.O.S.H. club, who are coming on to the car park to drop off children without parking in a space first. This is causing a knock-on effect to members of staff and/or visitors who then have to wait to be able to park and/or leave after dropping their own child off. With immediate effect, if you are going to be accessing the car park to drop your child off, could you please park appropriately for the convenience of all other drivers. If there are no available spaces to park on site, please do not park on double yellow lines or stop in front of the building. This is a health and safety risk as it prevents access to the site. It is also inconsiderate to others. Likewise, do not park in the disabled bays unless you are a Blue Badge holder. Letters will be sent directly to parents who do not observe these requests and they will no longer be permitted to access the car park.

Smoking on Site

May we remind you that school is a no-smoking site throughout, to include the car park and surrounding areas. This includes all types of e-cigarette.

Half Term Break

School will close at normal time on Friday 15th February and children will return on Monday 25th February.

Yours sincerely,

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