



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Headteacher's Comment:

As you will be able to see from the data below, attendance this week is a little below what it has been in previous weeks. The normal colds and coughs that we all get haven't been spreading as much until now due to the social distancing we have all had to do. Now children are catching colds again. Even with colds they can come to school if they are well enough.

One of the problems with the normal coughs and colds we all get and COVID-19 is that some of the symptoms are the same for both of them. If you phone up to report your child ill please give the details of why rather than just saying they are sick as we will need to know if they have COVID symptoms. If you are not sure, please call and speak to the office ladies. They have all become very knowledgeable about COVID recently.

Please remember that if your child has a persistent cough, temperature (usually above 37.8°C) or loses their sense of taste and smell they will need to get a PCR test. You may decide to do a lateral flow test, but if they have one of the 3 recognised symptoms I've listed we will ask you to get them a PCR test. The best way to book this is online and to actually go and have the test at a testing site (the Brentwood Centre usually has availability daily). The results of this come back quickly - early the following morning in most cases. If you book a postal test, the results can take at least 48 hours which may mean more time out of school unnecessarily.

If we do have any COVID cases in school, we will send home a letter to the affected class advising you that you may want to book a PCR test. Your child won't need to isolate at any time though unless they have symptoms themselves. We have had a handful of cases so far, but we are not aware of these spreading in the classes.

Tours

I start our parent tours next week for children who will be starting in September 2022. These are filling up very quickly and if you have a child due to start next year and want a tour please call the school office and book a place. If you know someone else who has a child starting school next year let them know tours are happening again. Remember, we were hugely oversubscribed for places again last year.

Black History Month

You may be aware that October is Black History Month across the UK. This year each class is doing some work on a different person and the theme is being proud. The different role models being looked at include people like Michelle Obama, Kadeena Cox and Nelson Mandela and Marcus Rashford. There will be lots of other things going on throughout the month too.



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School Dinners

Before booking school dinners for your child, please check the menu options online ([available here](#)). Our fabulous caterers, Pabulum provide the catering for a lot of schools, but we are the only one that has the sandwich option as well as the hot options. These sandwiches are available every day, but they are not unlimited. As we can't be certain how many sandwiches will be eaten, if they run out your child will need to have one of the hot meals. We would much prefer children to be eating a hot meal anyway, especially as the weather gets colder.

Term Dates

Hopefully you all received the term dates letter yesterday for 2022/23. They are now on our website [here](#). Please make sure holidays are only booked for during the school holidays.

Have a great weekend.



Stars of the Week

RS	RT	1A	1P	2B	2G	3B
Chloe	Rayzel	Nancy	Skylar	Amelia-Lily	Ronnie	Harley
3C	4D	4S	5B	5L	6R	6S
Reggie	Callum	Charlie R	Else	Ava-Mai	Harry	Sydney



Reading at Home

7 classes read at least 4 times. Especially well done to Years 5 and 6. Those children not reading at least 4 times, please make sure you do.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages from Monday 4th October to Friday 8th October (percentages are rounded) Times Read						Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	0	1	2	3	4	5	
RS	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	3 (8%)	5 (20%)	17 (68%)	88%
RT	1 (4%)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	2 (8%)	6 (24%)	15 (60%)	84%
1A	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	4 (15%)	23 (85%)	100%
1P	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	24 (92%)	96%
2B	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	3 (11%)	23 (83%)	94%
2G	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	2 (8%)	0 (0%)	23 (88%)	88%
3B	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	2 (7%)	1 (4%)	23 (85%)	89%
3C	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	26 (96%)	100%
4D	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	6 (21%)	22 (76%)	97%
4S	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (10%)	26 (90%)	100%
5B	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	9 (31%)	20 (69%)	100%
5L	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	5 (17%)	25 (83%)	100%
6R	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	27 (97%)	100%
6S	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (11%)	24 (89%)	100%
Total							95%



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Weekly Attendance

Let's hope we get above 97% again next week – maybe even 100%.

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 4th October 2021

Class	RS	RT	1A	1P	2B	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	94.7%	93.5%	95.9%	95.5%	98.6%	96.6%	99.6%	
Class	3C	4D	4S	5B	5L	6R	6S	96.9%
Attendance	97.9%	99.7%	98.3%	94.7%	98.1%	99.3%	93.9%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
4D	3B	6R



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 2nd September 2021

Class	RS	RT	1A	1P	2B	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	97.2%	93.5%	97.2%	97.3%	99.5%	96.3%	97.7%	
Class	3C	4D	4S	5B	5L	6R	6S	97.0%
Attendance	97.3%	98.4%	97.7%	96.4%	97.0%	96.6%	95.5%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
2B	4D	3B, 4S



Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Riley in 5L – for demonstrating all the school values.



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