



ATTENDANCE

We would like to make parents aware of some changes that we have made to our Attendance Policy.

From the week after the May half-term the following will apply:-

Children will be classed as late if they have not arrived by 8.45am which is when registers are closed. An unauthorised absence will be recorded if a child does not come in to school before 9.05am unless a reason is given (such as a medical appointment.) So, if a child arrives late at 9.20am the child will be recorded as having an unauthorised absence for that morning session.

We always monitor attendance and send letters out warning parents about poor attendance if their child has had more than four broken weeks in any 'long' term or if their attendance drops below 90%. If this continues then parents may be invited to school for a meeting with our Education Welfare Officer who will create an action plan to improve the child's attendance.

Generally attendance at Wellesley is very good but we have noticed that more children are having broken weeks which is a cause for concern. Taking a child away for a long weekend is very disruptive to their education as they miss the end of one week's unit of work (which is when they consolidate their learning); then they miss the beginning of another week's work (which means that they are catching up for the rest of the week).

We would really appreciate your support with trying to address this issue and would remind you that children should not be taking holidays in school term time unless in exceptional circumstances.

A copy of the full policy is available on the school website.

MEDICAL NEEDS

We have just adopted the Local Authority Medical Needs Policy. This states that school will not administer aspirin based products to any child unless prescribed by a doctor. This means we will no longer be able to give children products that contain ibuprofen. This will not stop us from giving products such as Calpol, which are paracetamol based, as long as we have written authorisation.

Please could we take this opportunity to remind parents that no child should bring any form of medicine into school to self-administer. We are happy to help with medication but do need written authorisation. Again, a full copy of this policy is available on the school website.

PASSPORT TO THE PARK

Don't forget to keep reading! Four times a week will get your child to the park!
Thank you for your support with this.

REMINDER

Can we remind parents and children that children should not be scooting or cycling on the school playground at the beginning or the end of the school day. We would ask that brothers and sisters also follow this rule. We are concerned for the health and safety of others, particularly younger children or toddlers.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

We would be really grateful if any parent who thinks that their child may be entitled to free school meals follows the link below and completes an application. It is a very simple system and school benefits financially if your child is eligible. It is important to note that parents of children in KS1, who already receive a free meal, still need to apply for the school to benefit.



Free School Meals – how to apply

Parents and carers can now apply for free school meals online via the Citizen Portal, using the link below. Your eligibility will be checked online, and the portal will let you know whether your child is eligible for free school meals. If your child is eligible you will receive a confirmation message, and the school will be notified directly. If you are not eligible you will be presented with a message stating this.

Please note, if you have already completed a primary or secondary school place application for the 2017/18 academic year via the portal, you do not need to re-register when applying for free school meals. Please use the login details that you have already set up.

YEAR 2 VISIT TO NORTH SOMERSET BIRD OF PREY CENTRE

Year 2 went to North Somerset Bird of Prey Centre to see owls, hawks and kestrels as part of our topic. Our favourite owl was Cherish. Everyone wore a thick glove and Cherish the Barn Owl came to fly onto our hands. It was the best school trip and we won't forget that fantastic day!

By Lacey and Ella



PARENT FORUM - REMINDER

Our next Parent Forum will be held on Tuesday 23rd May at 2.15pm.

Please put the date in your diary!

SPORTS DAY – THURSDAY 8th JUNE

Don't forget that this year Sports Day is on a Thursday.

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES

Thanks to the parents who have already completed the questionnaire. We would be really grateful if as many people as possible could return them by the end of next week as it does provide us with really useful information.

HOMEWORK CLUB

Just to remind parents that Homework Club has been reinstated and is open every Monday from the end of the school day until 4.00pm. All children from Year 1 upwards are welcome, we just need a note to tell us how they are getting home. Obviously, with the jigsaw homework system the children need to have activities that they can complete at school, for example, this is a great opportunity for doing research.



Head Teacher's Awards

Y1 – Isla S for making wonderful wanted poster; Jasmeen, Jade and Luca for thinking up some brilliant questions to ask a giant; Holly, Isla, Taya and Eva for amazing Jack and the Beanstalk stories; Faith for brilliant addition using money.

Y2 – Lauren for amazing homework jigsaws; Zain for writing incredible instructions.

Y3 – Brandan for a brilliant defeating the monster story.

Y4 - Elle for completing her jigsaw homework beautifully; Amy and Thomas for brilliant Robin Hood stories.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 23rd May: Parent Forum 2.15pm
 Monday 5th June: EYFS and Year 6 Class Photos
 Thursday 8th June: Sports Day
 Friday 9th June: Year 6 Residential
 Tuesday 13th June: New EYFS Parents' Meeting
 Thursday 15th June: reserve Sports Day
 Friday 16th June: Father's Day Secrets Room
 Thursday 22nd June: Governor Day
 Friday 30th June: FOWS Summer Fair
 Tuesday 11th July: KS2 Production 6.00pm
 Wednesday 12th July: KS2 Production 6.00pm
 Tuesday 18th July: Thankyou Service 9.15am
 Tuesday 18th July: Open Afternoon 2pm
 Thursday 20th July: Leavers Service 2pm
 Thursday 20th July: last day of the year for children
 Friday 21st July: INSET Day (school closed to children)
 Friday 1st September: INSET Day (school closed to children)
 Monday 4th September: start of the Autumn Term

KEYRINGS

Many children are putting keyrings on their backpacks. Whilst understandable, this does cause upset if in the chaos of cloakroom time they get lost or broken. We would encourage children to put them on bags that they do not bring to school.

