



Weekly Newsletter

3rd February 2023

MESSAGE FROM MISS SAWYER

I hope you are all enjoying a much better week with the weather. It's so nice to see that children are no longer going home in the dark and this is making pick up times a lot better for all.

Your children may have told you that unfortunately we have had to ban all footballs and basketballs until the end of this half term. We have had some very troubling behaviour with many children that is linked to the balls at lunchtime which has resulted in some children being very disrespectful towards our lunchtime staff. I have spoken to individuals all week about this but now we have had to put in this sanction because it has reached a level that we can't tolerate. We will aim to have something in place after half term to allow classes to start using balls again. Please make sure your children do not bring in balls from home as they will be taken off them until the end of the day.

Thank you for your support with attendance. The children are working really hard to be in by 8:45am at the latest. The government is now insisting that children are in school for 32.5 hours per week and with an 8:45am start we just meet this figure, without having to change our school day. Therefore it is even more important than ever that children are in school and ready to work by then. Please remember that they are allowed to start coming in from 8:35am if you prefer this earlier time.

93%

ATTENDANCE THIS
WEEK

Our target is 97%

CLASS ATTENDANCE

94% Orange unit

91% Maroon class

96% Blue class

93% Indigo class

97% Green class

★ 98% Turquoise class

96% Lime class

84% Magenta class

Children's Mental Health Week: 6-12 February 2023

This year's theme is Let's Connect

Connecting with others and being in a community is vital for our wellbeing. When we have healthy connections to people in our lives - friends, families, people in school - this can support our mental health.

In school next week we will be doing activities around connecting with others and how this can promote good mental health.

This [document from Place2Be](#) gives lots of useful advice for parents and things you can do at home to support your child's mental health.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Friday 10th February - Year 3 and 4 Nature Walk
- Friday 10th February - PTA Bake Off sale (bring cakes to hall first thing and cakes will be on sale at break time and after school. Minimum donation £1)
- Friday 10th February - School finishes for half term holiday
- Monday 20th February - School reopens for spring term 2
- Thursday 2nd March - World Book Day
- Thursday 9th March - PTA meeting (7:30pm in the Black Horse pub)
- Friday 17th March - Training day
- Friday 24th March - PTA Speed Quiz (more details to follow)

TWEET OF THE WEEK



Blue and Green Class have been making some delicious dips as part of their DT this week. They particularly enjoyed making and tasting them and by the looks on their faces, they went down a treat!!
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