



# Newsletter: February 2019

## **Attendance:**

### **Week Ending 20.12.18 (Overall: 93.22%)**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Y6	97.92%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rec	97.50%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y2	96.20%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y5	95.69%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y4	93.23%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y3	92.92%
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y1	79.91%

### **Week ending 11.01.19 (Overall:94.71%)**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Y2	98.70%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y4	97.92%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y5	97.16%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y1	93.57%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Rec	93.00%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y6	92.92%
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y3	91.00%

### **Week ending 18.01.2019 (Overall:95.44 %)**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Y2	99.13%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y1	97.50%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y4	96.25%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y6	95.83%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y5	95.36%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y3	95.00%
7 <sup>th</sup>	Rec	94.00%

### **Week ending 25.01.2019 (Overall:93.36%)**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Y2	99.13%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y1	98.57%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y^	97.50%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y4	92.50%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Rec	92.00%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y3	91.33%
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y5	86.43%

**School Attendance to date: 95.34%**

**Our target is 96%**

We will be visited by the EWO in February and letters will be sent to all children whose attendance has dropped below 90% for whatever reason. This is in line with DFE regulations and our Attendance Policy.

There has been a slump in attendance since Christmas and particularly for those children who are already below 90%.

This will be followed up by the EWO and there may be a chance that illnesses will not be authorised unless there is proof e.g. an appointment card or a copy of a prescription. We will NEVER ask for a doctor's note. However any appointments at dentists, doctors or the hospital within the school day need to be accompanied by a card or letter for the absence to be authorised and this will only apply to the child being seen as other siblings should remain in school. She will also be asking for evidence of medical advice sought for children who are away for 3 or more consecutive days as this raises concerns. Again this just needs to be an appointment card or prescription.

There has also been an increasing number of lates both before and after the register has closed (9.10am). Ten lates will result in a referral to the EWO and the possibility of a fine. Please ensure your child is in school on time EVERY day. The lessons start promptly at 8.55am and latecomers disrupt the learning of others. There will be unannounced late gates this term and persistent offenders will be followed up.

**Gentle Reminder:** If you are taking your child away on holiday, please be honest with us as we always find out and it isn't fair to ask your child to lie!!



## **E Safety Assembly**

On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February we will be having an assembly for parents and children session led by an internet security expert from Concerro. With the ever increasing demands on children via the internet and the possibilities of them being either victims or perpetrators of cybercrime, we are putting on this assembly so that you and your children hear the same message.

Please do your very best to attend. The safety of our children is paramount and together we can do our best to protect them.

### **Raffle Ticket Winners:**

w/e 11.01.19: Y1 Pupil

w/e 18.01.19: Y2 Pupil

w/e 25.01.19: Y3 Pupil

So far we have made a profit of £172.50 which has helped buy furniture for the Music Hub. We are really grateful for your support.

### **Uniform Supplier**

We have a new local uniform supplier, A J Designs, who are based at Unit 1 and 2 Pool Road, Chasewater Country Park. Uniform can be purchased either from them or Uniforms Plus at Sankey's Corner.

Following the termination of our online contract with Supersports, we still have some uniform available directly through school at bargain prices. Please check Parentpay for sizes available and order online. The uniform can then be picked up from the school office. Please be quick as supplies are limited!

### **Free School Meals**

Whilst all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to Free School Meals, we still need to claim for those children who fall within the qualification category. Each claim is worth £1300 to the school to support the curriculum. If you would like us to check your eligibility, please give us your National Insurance number and we can keep you up to date. As a well-known supermarket says ...every little helps!

### **Parent and Pupil Questionnaires**

Thank you to all those parents who have already returned their Parent Questionnaires. Please can any outstanding ones be given to the School Office by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February. The draw for the £10 Supermarket Voucher will take place in the E Safety assembly on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February and we will text the winner. Responses to the Questionnaire will be given in the March Newsletter.

This month we have carried out a Pupil Questionnaire in all year groups. We will look at their responses and where concerns have been raised by individual children, they will be addressed by their class teacher. We will also use assembly time to talk about Article 12 of the UNICEF Rights of the Child which states that every child has a right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters.

### **Parents' Evening**

Please remember Parents' Evening on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February. We look forward to sharing your child's successes and goals with you. Letters have been sent out and appointments are in the process of being made.

### **Bags 2 School**

Thank you so much for your support in bringing your unwanted clothing into school for our collection. I am worried that there will be some people wandering around Burntwood wearing very little!

We collected over 100 bags and, when the total per class was divided by the number of children in the class, Year 6 were the winners of the treat for Key Stage 2 and year 1 were the winners for Key Stage 1. They will have a treat afternoon and extra free time as a thank you for their commitment to the event.

## World Book Day

This will take place on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March. As in previous years, we will not be dressing up for the day, although children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 may bring in their favourite costume for a book character and wear it in class during the afternoon. Please don't buy a costume especially for the day as we want the emphasis to be on sharing books for pleasure and not on the most elaborate costume! On the day the children will be asked to bring in their favourite story book and share it with a child from another class. The teachers will also be sharing their favourite books with groups of children.

We are looking forward to a fun filled day celebrating reading and books and we thank you for your support.

