



Newsletter: March 2018

Attendance:

Week ending 02.02.18(Overall:95.08%)

1 st	Rec	99.31%
2 nd	Y1	99.17%
3 rd	Y2	97.93%
4 th	Y5	95.22%
5 th	Y6	93.57%
6 th	Y3	93.08%
7 th	Y4	86.92%

Week ending 09.02.2018(Overall:96.02%)

1 st	Y1	98.33%
2 nd	Rec	97.93%
3 rd	Y5	97.39%
4 th	Y3	96.00%
5 th	Y2	95.52%
6 th	Y6	95.17%
7 th	Y4	93.85%

Week ending 16.02.2018(Overall:95.05%)

1 st	Y6	98.24%
2 nd	Y4	96.90%
3 rd	Y5	94.78%
4 th	Y1	94.58%
5 th	Y2	94.06%
6 th	Y3	93.41%
7 th	Rec	93.31%

School Attendance to date: 94.64%

Our target is 96%

Two late gates were held by the EWO in February and letters will be sent to children with persistent lateness both before and after the registers have closed. This is in line with DFE regulations and our Attendance Policy. We appreciate that, on occasion, there may be a reason for lateness and please inform the office if you know this is going to be the case. However, this should only be a rare occurrence. Thank you for your support.



E Safety Coffee Morning

Thank you to the 6 parents who attended the e-safety information session and coffee morning led by an internet security expert from Concerro. Top tips for parents can be found on our website so that we can do our best to keep the children safe.

Parents' Evening

Thank you to everyone who attended either Parents' Evening or made appointments to speak to the teachers at other times. 78% of our children were represented which really does help to build the partnership between home and school. We are always grateful for your support.

Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to those parents who took the time to return their parent questionnaires. We received 44 responses representing 51 children. This equates to 28% of the children being represented. The winner of the draw was Miss Valler, mother of Gabriel in Reception.

I have attached a summary of the responses and responded to comments made by parents. I hope you find this useful. We take all your comments on board and make adjustments where possible.

World Book Day

This will be held on Thursday 1st March. As in previous years, we are **not** asking the children to dress up. Instead the lessons in the morning will be based around their teacher's favourite book. Children are also encouraged to bring their favourite book in to school to share with the class.

Mothers' Day Celebration

The children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 invite their parents and carers to a Mothers' Day Celebration on Thursday 8th March at 2pm. We hope that each child will have someone special at this celebration so that they can say a big "Thank you!" to the important people in their lives. At the end of the celebration, children may be taken home together with older siblings.

Boney Hay Biathlon

This half term, children in Year 1 and Year 2 will be receiving running training every Wednesday afternoon from our sports specialists. (Reception will have cycling and running training in the Summer Term.) They will be outside regardless of the weather so please make sure they have tracksuit bottoms, sweatshirts and waterproofs for their lesson. Every child will take part in the lesson irrespective of ability or clothing. This is part of our commitment to spending the Sports Premium funding to raise healthy living and fitness in school and as such, we have to report participation and outcomes to the government. I know the children will have an excellent time and will be able to develop new skills and confidence.



Sport Relief Day

This will take place on Friday 23rd March. On the day staff will be leading all the children in a "Sport Relief Mile" when every child will be given the opportunity to run or walk a mile. Children are asked to come to school in Sports Kits - this can be anything eg Football kits, Rugby shirts, Tracksuits etc so that they can take part in the events. We also ask for a voluntary contribution of £1 for the Sport Relief charity. Thank you in advance for your generosity in supporting a very worthy cause.

H S A News

Coffee Morning: Please join the H S A for a coffee and a chat on Friday 2nd March at 9.00am.

Disco: This will be held on Friday 23rd March from 3.30pm - 5.00pm. More details to follow.

Catering

In April we will be using a new company, Dolce, to supply our school meals. The food is all freshly cooked and tastes amazing! This will be managed online and parents will need to preorder meals the day before. It is very exciting as the children will then go to a monitor by the dining hall, press their name and their dinner will be prepared for them! Dolce will be in school on Wednesday 28th March to hold a Parents' Information Session. Please do your very best to attend so that you know exactly how to order your child's dinner in April.

Easter Egg Raffle

Each class will be running an Easter Egg Raffle to raise funds towards the Summer Trips. Staff will be donating eggs and children may do so if they wish. Tickets will cost 20p each and go on sale on Monday 26th March.



Easter Arrangements

Wednesday 28th March: 9.10am: Easter Assembly led by Year 3; 10.30am Egg rolling - please can children bring in a decorated hard boiled egg for the sporting event of the year!

Thursday 29th March : Please join us at 2pm for the Key Stage 2 Easter Celebration in St John's Church. Children may be collected at the end of the event and then younger siblings can be collected early from school (3pm onwards) If a child is not attending church, then they will remain in school for the afternoon.

Monday 16th April: All children return to school.

Introducing our new Governor!

Hi my name is Paul Cotton and I am the new Parent Governor. I have 3 daughters who are at the school in years 5, 4 and 1. I have really valued the input and support the school have given them and hope that I might show my appreciation in some way by supporting the school as a governor.

I have been involved in Secondary Education for 15 years and my current role is as Assistant Headteacher. At present I am in charge of Curriculum and Pupil Premium, and in my time as a teacher I have been involved as both a Pastoral Leader and as Head of a Mathematics department.

I have a keen interest in seeing students develop as young people both academically and socially. I have been involved in the transition process from Primary to Secondary and understand the importance of developing these skills in tandem to best enable students. I am hoping that my experiences may be of benefit to the school as it progresses from Good to Outstanding.

I have been grateful for the welcome to the governing body and have found the first two governors meetings very informative. It is good to hear of all the good things the school have in place and are developing to further support the students at Boney Hay.