



Newsletter: October 2019

Attendance and Punctuality

After a shaky start to the term, attendance has improved over the past couple of weeks. May we respectfully remind parents that holidays in term time will not be authorised and will be referred to the Education welfare Officer who will activate fine procedures should the need arise. Children have 13 weeks holiday each year and it is important that any time away is booked during these. We are legally bound to follow government directives and authorisation will only be granted in very exceptional circumstances.

w/e 06.09.19 Overall 92.13%

1 st	Y5	100%
2 nd	Y3	95.65%
3 rd	Y4	94.64%
4 th	Y6	93.10%
5 th	Rec	91.30%
6 th	Y1	87.04%
7 th	Y2	84.00%

w/e 13.09.19 Overall 97.19%

1 st =	Y5	100%
1 ST =	Y4	100%
3 rd	Y3	99.13%
4 th	Y2	97.60%
5 th	Y6	95.17%
6 th	Y1	94.81%
7 th	Rec	93.91%

w/e 20.09.19 Overall 96.33%

1 st	Rec	99.09%
2 nd	Y1	97.67%
3 rd	Y2	96.60%
4 th	Y3	96.52%
5 th	Y4	96.21%
6 th	Y6	94.83%
7 th	Y5	93.64%

w/e 27.09.19 Overall 93.50%

1 st	Y2	96.80%
2 nd	Y1	95.19%
3 rd	Y5	95.00%
4 th	Rec	93.64%
5 th	Y3	93.64%
6 th	Y4	91.38%
7 th	Y6	90.69%

Year to date: 95.13%

Uniform

Just a couple of uniform reminders please for you to bear in mind:

- Trainers are **NOT** part of our school uniform and may only be worn on the odd occasion where your child has grown out of their school shoes. Permission will only be given on receipt of a written letter from parents and will be just until new shoes can be bought.
- Hairstyles – hair should be neatly cut with no extreme shaving, spikes or colours. We are also seeing a large number of oversized hairbands – some with horns- that do not contribute to the overall school uniform. We are happy for children to wear hairbands but please could these be kept to a reasonable size!

Harvest

On Friday 4th October Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be leading our Harvest Celebration and we warmly invite all parents and carers to join us at 9.15am.

Once again we will be collecting items for the Cannock and District Foodbank. Over the last year they have been able to provide meals for 2124 adults and 1115 children as well as supporting local soup kitchens, Pop in Hednesford and Mill Street Cannock. The demands on the foodbank are as strong as ever and I know some of our own families have benefitted from their support.

This year we have been asked to focus on specific items and we would be grateful if you could help us by donating an item or two from this shopping list which will benefit local families at their time of need. Thank you.

- UHT Milk
- Biscuits/Snacks
- Tea
- Coffee



Parents' Evening

This will be held on Tuesday 15th October from 4-7pm and your booking letter will be sent out on Tuesday 1st October. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to meet your child's new teacher, discuss how they have settled in to their new class and share targets for the future. Our new principal, Mrs Willington will also be in attendance. I hope that as many of you as possible will be able to attend and we look forward to welcoming you in to school.

Reading Afternoon

Following the very successful Open Afternoon in June, we would like to invite parents to join us and the children more regularly for a time to read and share books. Our next event will be on **FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER at 2.45pm**. Please join us for a lovely way to end the week - sharing a book with your child. We hope to see as many of you as possible.

Reading Squad Workshops

Parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are invited to a Reading Squad Information Meeting on **Tuesday 8th October at 2.45pm**, At this meeting Mrs Paddock will explain how your child is part of a Reading Squad and how we are teaching reading in school. We look forward to seeing you!

Jeans for Genes

It was wonderful to see so many children in their jeans and school uniform to celebrate Jeans for Genes Day. Over the day the children worked with all staff members looking at a range of topics including Staying Safe, Keeping Healthy, Democracy, Respect, Enjoying and Achieving, Making a positive contribution and Achieving Economic Wellbeing. They also raised £170.15 for this very worthy cause.

PE Kits

There are already children who do not have their PE Kits in school and are having to take part in uniform. Not only is this uncomfortable, but it also leaves them in hot and sweaty clothes for the rest of the day. PE is part of the National Curriculum and all children must take part unless there is a letter from their parent/carer to excuse them for medical reasons. Please ensure that your child has their PE Kit in school EVERY DAY. May I also remind parents that earrings **MUST** be removed before a PE lesson. If your child is unable to remove them themselves then please leave them at home on school days. Staff are not permitted to remove earrings without written permission from a parent/carer, so in some cases we may need to ask you to come into school to do this for us. We can take no responsibility for lost or damaged earrings. Thank you for your cooperation.

Photographer

The Photographer will be in school on Monday 7th October. Photographs will be taken of Individual pupils and sibling groups. Should you wish your preschool child to be included in a photograph with siblings, please come to school at 8.30am. We will not be able to do any preschool photographs after 9.00am.

Thank you.

Half Term

May we remind parents that school closes on **FRIDAY 26TH OCTOBER** for half term and children return to school on Monday 4th November.

Year 6 Residential Trip - Shugborough

Please could the next payment of £62.50 be made to the school office by Wednesday 2nd October so that we can send Shugborough their next installment? If you have any issues, please contact the office. Thank you.