

WILLIAM MACGREGOR'S NEWSLETTER

As you know, the Government have released the new **attendance** guidelines for the coming year. I sent a letter out at the end of last term but I will repost again today with the newsletter reminding you of the statutory duty to ensure children are in school everyday. Children should not be off school for sore throats, the common cold etc. I have also attached the NHS guidelines about periods of time at home will some illnesses. Many allow children to be in school with antibiotics which we can give. Please look out next week for the updated attendance policy which gives more details about consequences of poor attendance in school. If children are not in school, only a phone call to the school office will allow this to be coded correctly.

You may have noticed our **sensory garden** has been developed over the summer holidays. We are so excited to have more space for the children to play and explore. We will be using lots of our lottery money this year with the children to plant and add more equipment in this area.

We really want to **invite** you into school much more this year so you can see the wonderful learning that the children are completing and talk to you more on our whole school priorities. On **Tuesday 17th September** you are invited to come into school to meet your child's teacher and see their classroom environment. This is an informal meet and greet but may offer the chance to ask any questions that you may have. This will be straight after school until 4pm. Before Christmas, we will also be inviting you in for some emotion coaching workshops, my happy mind workshops and online safety. We hope that you will be able to join us for these.

I have added all the new **dates** below that we have so far for the coming year. Please take note of these. Mrs Bannister will begin adding these to dojo notifications.

A few **reminders** as we begin the new year:

- Please be mindful of parking outside the school in this residential area. Please do not pull up and drop off on the yellow lines, park across driveways or park on the nursery car park next door. The children's safety is paramount outside so please take care.
- Morning snack should only consist of fruit or hot snack from school. Children can access fruit in school or they can have a hot snack purchased from the school kitchen. Water in water bottles only too. We are a healthy school and promote this with the children regularly.
- No trainers to be worn on none normal inform days please. Earrings should be small studs only and not be in n PE days. All hair should be tied up. All of these things allow for the upmost safety of the children at all times.

I think as a school we pride ourselves on good **communication** and our community feel. Staff are very accessible and happy to speak to you, as I am, with any concerns or questions that you may have. If you do have any concerns or questions please contact the class teacher in the first instance. If these concerns continue then please contact either Mrs Nicholson (assistant headteacher) or Miss Marsh (assistant headteacher) and then myself if these still cannot be resolved. All staff can be contactable on class Dojo between 7am and 5pm Monday to Friday. Please only contact staff outside of these hours if absolutely necessary. Please also be reminded of the parent code of conduct policy when speaking with staff via messages or in person. I have attached the link to this below.

Mrs Jones x

STAR OF THE WEEK

Ladybirds: Ronan
Year 1 – Whole class
Year 2 – Keegan
Year 3 – Thea
Year 4 – Ellison
Year 5 – Molly
Year 6 – Alex



BIRTHDAY

CELEBRATIONS

Happy birthday to all children celebrating their birthday this week! 🎂

Alfie N
Mason T
Freddie Ha
Olivia L
Isabelle B



SCHOOL LOTTERY

Congratulations to Ms L Hughes who won **£4.80** last week.

We have raised £3062.00 so far.

We have a new area we are fundraising for now and this is the area to the side of the trim trail. This will be an area dedicated to reflection, one that reaches our senses and provides an area of calmness and sanctuary.



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Key Dates

September:

17th: Class drop in (3.10-4pm)

30th: Academy individual and sibling photographs

October:

8th: Y4 Whitmore Lakes meeting (3.10pm)

10th: Hello Yellow - world mental health day

17th: Harvest Festival (1.45pm) Ch. Only.

23rd-25th: Y4 to Whitmore Lakes

25th: Last day of term

November:

4th: All ch. back to school

7th: Parents Evening (2-7pm)

12th: Open morning for Sep 2025 intake (9.15am)

18th-22nd: Book Fair in school

21st: Open morning for Sep 2025 intake (9.15am)

27th: Whole school flu immunisation

29th: INSET day school closed

December:

10th: Y1&Y2 nativity at St. Edithas Church 6pm

13th: Ladybirds nativity at Elim Church 9am

18th: Whole school Christmas lunch

20th: Whole school carol concert (all welcome) 1.50pm

20th: Last day of term

January:

6th: INSET DAY school closed

7th: All ch. back to school

17th: Young Voices concert

February:

14th: Last day of term

24th: All ch. back to school

TT ROCKSTARS

Congratulations to all of the children who have improved their rock speed this week!

Rock Hero (under 1 sec) -

Rock Legend (under 2 secs)-

Ava O

Rock Star (under 3 secs)-

Headliner (under 4 secs) -

Lexi H

Support Act (under 5 secs)-

Breakthrough Artist (under 6 secs)-

March:

10th-14th: Y6 in Paris

April:

8th: Parents Evening (2-7pm)

11th: Easter bonnet and egg parade/Last day of term

24th: INSET day school closed

29th-30th: Y5 to London

May:

1st: School potentially closed for polling

2nd: INSET day school closed

5th: Bank holiday school closed

12th-16th: Y6 SATS week

23rd: Last day of term

June:

2nd: All ch. back to school

9th-13th: Y1 phonic screener

25th: ATLP student awards

July:

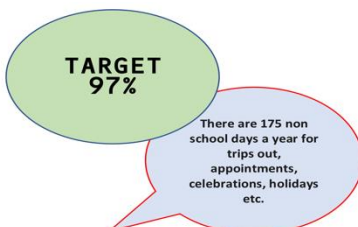
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18th: Last day of term

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ATTENDANCE

Whole School: 95.7%
 Ladybirds: 97%
 Year 1: 93.8%
 Year 2: 96.2%
 Year 3: 94.8%
 Year 4: 96.4%
 Year 5: 96.7%
 Year 6: 96.3%



If your child misses....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day per fortnight	20 Days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly <u>1.5 years</u>
1 day per week	40 Days	8 weeks	Over <u>2.5 years</u>
2 days per week	80 Days	16 weeks per year	Over <u>5 years</u>
3 days per week	120 Days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly <u>8 years</u>

WE DO NOT AUTHORISE HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

Why is high attendance important for your child's education?

As a parent/carer you want the best life chances for your child/children. Being in school every day gives them the very best chance of achieving this. GCSE'S may seem a long way off for your child but 90% of children with average attendance at primary school and into secondary school of around 85% fail to achieve 5 or more GCSEs and one third of children fail to gain any.

Poor attendance in school will limit children's ability to achieve their full potential and this will impact opportunities in life.

IT IS GOOD TO BE GREEN!
 COME ON WMG, WE NEED TO IMPROVE ATTENDANCE!
 WE ARE AIMING FOR 97%

THE CLASS NEXT WEEK WITH THE BEST ATTENDANCE GETS AN EXTRA PLAYTIME

Ladybirds have the best attendance this week!