



SUMMER TERM

NEWSLETTER 16 : May 12th 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

It is a myth that pupils have the right to 10 days authorized holidays per year. The law does not grant parents/carers an automatic right to take their child out of school during term time. Any absence from school will disrupt your child's learning and effect their progress and friendships. Parents/carers may consider that a holiday will be educational but your child will still miss out on the teaching that their peers will receive during the holiday.

The Governors recognize that pupil absence during term time can seriously disrupt pupil's continuity of learning and therefore made the decision in May 2011 that Term Time Holidays would not be authorized by the school. In line with the Government guidance and legislation, fixed Penalty Notices have been in place since May 2011.

Please note that a Penalty Notice is issued to each parent for each child taken out of school. A penalty notice is a fine of £60 per parent, per child if paid within the first 21 days. This will increase to £120 if paid within the 28 days period. Therefore, if the Penalty Notice remains unpaid this may result in legal action under section 444 of the Education Act 1996.

Parents/carers are therefore strongly urged to avoid booking a family holiday during term time. If there are exceptional circumstances and supporting evidence is supplied, a Fixed Penalty Notice may be withheld at the discretion of the School Governors.

National Guidance indicates that exceptional circumstances are :

"For service personnel who are prevented from taking holidays outside the school holidays timetable, if the absence will have minimal disruption to the pupil's education or when a family need to spend time together to support each other during or after a crisis"

If you wish to take your child out of school for a term time holiday please request an application form at the school office. The completed form should be received by school at least 14 days before the start of the holiday.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued after 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorized absence for a term-time holiday (G). These 10 sessions can be collective or accumulative throughout the academic year

SUN PROTECTION

As the weather is now getting warmer, please can you make sure that suncream is applied to your child on a morning before school. Sunhats are also needed for playtimes/ lunchtimes. Please make sure that hats are named.



PARENT PARTNERSHIP—WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We have arranged a date for our Parent Partnership meeting. We will be meeting on Thursday 18th May between 2.00—3.00 pm

If you are interested please see the office and we will set up a meeting for all those interested. Anyone can join.

We can't do it without you!

SUMMER FAIR

We will be holding our Summer Fair on Friday 9th June— so put the date in your diary. If you have any unwanted gifts, toys, books or games that we can have, please bring them into school as soon as possible. We would also be grateful if you could help provide bottles for our Bottle stall (Beer, Wine, Bubblebath-These need to be unopened, in date and full —no household cleaning materials). If you would like to donate items for the Baking Stall, these need to be brought into school on the actual day (items need to be in date). We need your help to make our Summer Fair into a success! We look forward to receiving your donations and thank you in advance for your support.



MULTI SKILLS EVENT

Yesterday morning Years 1 and 2 took part in a Multi Skills morning at Hemsworth Arts and Community Academy.

The classes were split into groups and each group competed with other schools from the Hemsworth Pyramid.

Group 2 of our Year 1 children won for the overall event. The children who won in Group 2 were given a medal each and also a Trophy for the School.

Year 2 Group 2 also came 2nd in the events.

We are very proud with all the children who took part and represented the school. Every child received a certificate for taking part.

HOMETIME COLLECTIONS

Please can you make sure that you collect your child/ren promptly at the end of the school day— 3.15pm. If you know that you will be late, then please call the office to let the staff know. We have had an increasing amount of late collections over the past few weeks.

Government Target for Attendance in schools is 95% and above. Please help us improve our figure for last year which was below government guidelines.



ATTENDANCE WINNERS

The proud winners of the attendance awards over last week were:

W/c 24th April—28th April

Reception— 92.94%

Year 1— 95.45%

Year 2— 97.67% **WELL DONE**

Year 3—95.00%

Year 4—97.00%

Year 5—97.31%

Year 6—95.20%

w/c 1st May—5th May

Reception— 89.71

Year 1— 85.80%

Year 2— 92.50%

Year 3—97.16%

Year 4—89.38%

Year 5—94.71%

Year 6—99.00% **WELL DONE**

Attendance for the School Year up to the end of last week was

93.90 %

Government Target is 95% and above

Across school persistent absences is now set at equal to or less than 90%. Children that fall into that category will have a Red attendance summary sent home & EWO Involvement.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We would like to wish

**Rosie Cardall
Skye Bedson
Alexander Blundell**

A very Happy Birthday to you all



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

10th, 11th, 12th and 15th May

Year 5 Bikeability sessions

Thursday 11th May

Yr 1 & 2 Multi Skills Morning at HACA

Wednesday 17th May

Pc Blunt Drugs & Alcohol workshop

Thursday 18th May

American Themed Lunch

Wednesday 24th May

CAT's Testing at HACA

Thursday 25th May

Yr 6 Kwick Cricket (am)

Friday 26th May

Yr 5 & 6 Girls Football morning

Break up for Half Term holidays

Monday 5th June

INSET DAY

Tuesday 6th June

School re-opens for children - Summer 2 Term

FAMILY PHOTO EVENING

Thursday 8th June

ELECTION DAY—School closed

Monday 19th June

Year 1 & 2 Trip Cannon Hall

Thursday 22nd June

Year 4 Rounders

Thursday 29th June

Year 2 & 4 Trip Eden Camp

Friday 30th June

Yr 6 Mini Olympics

Thursday 6th July

Yr 6 Induction day & Evening at HACA

Friday 7th July

PE Sports Award Evening

Tuesday 11th July

Yr 6 Induction Day at Crofton Academy

Thursday 11th July

PC Blunt Transition Workshop with Yr 6

Friday 21st July

Break up for Summer Holidays

Monday 23rd Tuesday 24th July

INSET DAYS