

Dear Parents

On Monday and Thursday this week, I was lucky enough to accompany each of our two Year 6 classes as they went on their trips to the Warner Brothers' Studio in Watford. These trips were to inspire them for their Harry Potter topic, which they are currently studying. After a long minibus journey, they got to see the genuine sets (including the Great Hall, Gringotts Bank, Diagon Alley and many more), costumes and props used in the films and they learned about how these films were made. The excitement, knowledge and mature behaviour shown by our children on this trip was fabulous. I am sure they were full of enthusiasm about this trip when you spoke to them about it on their return. I am really proud of all of our Year 6s. Well done for representing our school so well. A big thank you to all of the parents who paid for this trip. Without your support, such exciting visits could not take place.

We are currently having to deal with some issues involving children playing games online. This is unfortunately taking up a lot of our time, when we should be using this time to educate your children. Like films, computer games have age ratings called PEGI ratings (Pan European Game Information). These ratings are given as information to parents for allow them to make an informed choice about the games their children are allowed to play. This prevents children being exposed to context such as sexual content, violence, gambling, drugs and bad language. There is also an issue with children communicating online with one another. Children often find it difficult to communicate with others online in the same way as they would face to face. This often results in insulting one another (or their families) and the use of inappropriate language. As this happens at home, it is parents' responsibility to monitor this. Please see the guidance below. Please also consider carefully what games and content your children are exposed to.

TWO LEVELS OF INFORMATION AS A GUIDE : THE PEGI AGE LABELS



THE CONTENT DESCRIPTORS



Just after the half term break, we will be holding our parents' evenings. You will receive information about how to book these online next week. Please book your preferred time as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. It is really important that you attend a meeting to find out about your child's progress, attainment and emotional well-being at school since September. These meetings are also really important in providing ideas about how you can help and support your child's development at home. I look forward to seeing all of you at your meetings.

Thank you for your continued support

Mr Williams (Headteacher)

Friday 18th October 2019

DIARY DATES



Friday 25th October

School closes for half term

Monday 4th November

Teachers Training Day

Tuesday 5th November

Children back to school

Bonfire Themed School Lunch

Wednesday 6th & Thursday 7th November

Parents' Evenings

Wednesday 6th November

Yr 5 – Parents' Inspire Workshop

Tuesday 12th November

Y2 Trip – All things Wild

Yr 4 – Parents' Reading Inspire Workshop

Wednesday 13th November

Yr 2 – Parents' Inspire Workshop – 2.00pm

Thursday 14th November

Yr 1 – Parents' Phonics Inspire Workshop

Thursday 21st November

Immunisation Team - Flu Vaccine

Tuesday 26th November

Yr 6 – Parents' Writing Inspire Workshop

Wednesday 4th December

Yr 2 – Showcase Assembly 2.00pm

HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY

Lorelei in Reception, Ellis Yr1, Tyler in 2H,
Tyree in Yr 4 and Charlie in Yr 5



WELL DONE

Who won the 100% raffle ticket?

In this week's KS2 Assembly, Saba was the lucky girl to win the prize, and Savannah in reception was also this week's lucky winner.

KS1 CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Daniyal, Ava, Salman and Freya in Y3, Lily, Kayden, Isabelle and Tyree in Y4, Faith, Paris, Ali and Caitlyn in Y5, Reilly, Katiemay, James and Jorja in Y6



Well Done

NATIONAL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET: 96%

Our current whole school attendance percentage is:

95.7%

This time last year our whole school attendance percentage was **95.6%**

Please try to send your child to school everyday

IMPORTANT NOTICE

School attendance and punctuality are a high priority. As a school we are legally required to accurately record children's attendance and reasons for absence or lateness.

The doors to school open at 8:35am. All children are expected to enter school via a playground door between **8:35am and 8:45am**. After this children will need to be brought through main reception where staff will ask for a reason for lateness. We kindly remind parents to be polite and respectful to staff when asked about lateness and absence.

		This week		So far this year	
		Attendance	No of Lates	Attendance	No of Lates
Rec	RW	95.9%	4	97.1%	14
	RC	96.7%	15	95.2%	21
Year 1	1KF	90.8%	3	94.6%	22
	1HF	96.0%	5	94.3%	9
Year 2	2H	97.9%	8	97.0%	21
	2B	95.2%	0	97.4%	7
Year 3	3B	90.9%	4	95.5%	19
	3G	92.3%	5	93.9%	20
Year 4	4M	93.7%	4	95.5%	22
	4J	97.5%	2	96.9%	8
Year 5	5TM	97.0%	0	98.3%	8
	5S	93.3%	1	96.0%	10
Year 6	6A	93.6%	6	95.0%	23
	6D	94.1%	0	97.0%	5

Last Week's Attendance and Lates

Well Done
2H in KS1 and 4J in KS2 for the highest attendance
and to 2B & 6D for the fewest lates



REMINDER

Could we all please be respectful of the following:

DOGS: Could we please remind you that dogs are not allowed in the school playground, even if they are on leads, under any circumstances.



BIKES & SCOOTERS: All adults and children who ride bikes or scooters to school, please make sure that you dismount them before entering the school playground and do not get back on them until you have left the playground.



OPEN DAY EVENT

On **Monday 21st October** at **9.15am** and **5.30pm** **prompt**, we will be hosting our Open Event, welcoming parents who have children looking to start Reception in September of next year. Please come and look around the school, you will be most welcome. If this date is not suitable, please contact the school for an alternative date.

The School Nurses from the Immunisation Team will be in school on **Thursday 21st November, 2019**, to administer the flu vaccine (nasal spray) to all pupils whose parents have given consent.