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Attendance: Every Day Counts!

As you know, excellent attendance is vital in order for children to do well at school. This is why we are setting an attendance target of 96%. This reflects the national attendance for primary schools in England.

We expect every child to achieve an attendance rate of at least 96% (and some will have higher attendance). That means they should be absent for no more than 7 days over this year.

We know that most of our families try very hard to make sure their child's attendance is good. However, there are some children with poor attendance records whose education is being damaged as a result. We will communicate with families whose child's attendance is below the expected level so that we can work together to make improvements.

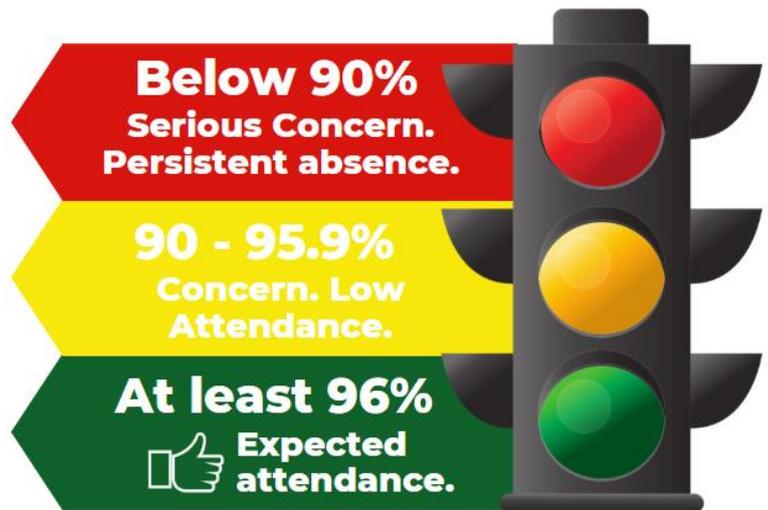
If we can help to improve your child's attendance in any way, please do let us know.

Have a great weekend!

Best wishes,

Nick Waldron

Headteacher



Wrap up warm – it's getting colder!



As the weather gets colder, we want to ensure that all our children are equipped for the season. Please ensure that your child has a warm coat in school every day. We will always try and get outside for playtimes, lunchtimes and outdoor learning even if it is cold. When it is colder, we will insist that children wear a coat outside.

If your child is bringing in gloves, a hat or a scarf, please ensure that it is clearly named. You can order [stick-in labels here](#).

Flu immunisation

The flu immunisation will be taking place on Tuesday 3 December. Forms were due back in school today. If, for any reason, you have not returned your form, please return it to the school office by Monday at the latest. Thank you.

Flu immunisation
Helping to protect children,
every winter

Every year, flu kills thousands of people. The immunisation programme helps protect children against flu, which can be a very unpleasant illness and lead to complications like bronchitis and pneumonia. The flu vaccine also helps to prevent transmission of flu to the wider community, including older family members and newborn babies who may have weaker immune systems. Research by Public Health England has shown that the flu vaccine programme has reduced illness and the numbers of people visiting their GP with flu. It has also reduced the number of hospital admissions and emergency department attendances among the children and the wider population.

Collecting from after-school clubs and events – Please be on time!



There have been a number of occasions recently where parents have been late to collect children from after-school clubs. Please make every effort to collect your child on time. If you are going to be late, for any reason, please telephone the school office number so that we can get a message to the club leader. Thanks for your support with this.

Christmas Performances

Although Christmas is still a very long way off, some year groups are preparing performances – from a few Christmas Songs through to nativity plays. We'll give you further details nearer the time but, for now, here is a reminder of the dates and times (and which classes are performing on each day):

Reception Christmas Singing

Monday, 16 December, 2.30pm

R Chestnut and R Oak

Tuesday, 17 December, 2.30pm

R Birch and R Willow

Year 1 Nativity

Monday, 9 December, 2.00pm

1 Willow and 1 Birch

Tuesday, 10 December, 9.15am

1 Oak and 1 Chestnut

Year 2 Christmas Singing

Wednesday, 11 December, 2.30pm

2 Oak and 2 Willow

Wednesday, 18 December, 2.30pm

2 Birch and 2 Chestnut

Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Music Performance

Tuesday, 10 December, 2.00pm

All Years 3 and 4

Wednesday, 11 December, 9.15am

All Years 3 and 4



Advance Warning - Christmas Cards – A Card for the Class



Our Christmas Post Boxes will open on Monday 2 December, with a last delivery on Wednesday, 18 December.

All cards intended for classes or staff at the school should be distributed in this way.

We ask that children write one card to their class, rather than individual cards. We will reserve some time each day to open the cards, read them out, and then hang them up in the classroom for everyone to see. Please do not send in cards for individual students as we will be unable to distribute them.

This will not only relieve some pressure on busy families, but will also reduce the amount of paper and cards used at this time of year. By setting aside a short time each day to open and read the cards together, we will ensure that the spirit of card-giving at Christmas is honoured and valued. The staff team will be doing likewise, and making a donation to charity in place of purchasing hundreds of cards.

Please address your card(s), "To everyone in ..." (for example, 'to everyone in 3-Birch'). We'll also have a display of cards in the staff rooms for any cards addressed, 'To all the staff'.

Headlice – an irritating pest – please keep checking!

Headlice is a problem that affects all of us. This troublesome pest is a widespread and unpleasant infection, especially among school age children. A common misconception is that they are a symptom of poor hair hygiene - rest assured this is not true. Lice are equally likely to be found on clean or dirty hair!

Head lice cannot jump, hop or fly. Children can get head lice from sustained head to head contact when playing together, whispering, hugging or when they are in close contact. At any one time, most schools will have a few children with active living head lice. This can be between 2 - 5%. It is rarely higher than this.

The only way to eradicate the problem is if every single one of us is vigilant. Please check your children's hair this weekend with a fine toothed inspection comb. The recommended method is to 'wet-comb' conditioned hair. If you are concerned, please contact your local pharmacist who will offer advice.

Please check your children's hair regularly (at least weekly) and ensure that all long hair is tied back. You may also wish to brush your child's hair each afternoon when he or she returns from school – this will prevent any louse which has wandered onto your child's head during the day from laying eggs and becoming a more significant problem.



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Sports News



Gymnastics

On Thursday 12th November we took our year 5 and year 6 'A' teams to Norbury School for the heats of a competition to be held in January.

The children had to perform 2 vaults and a floor routine showing 6 different gymnastic moves. The top 3 teams in the morning and afternoon would make it to the final.

The children have been training really hard every Wednesday morning and both teams produced their best performances on the day.

Our year 6 team came 2nd in the morning and will, therefore, be progressing to the final. Our year 5 team narrowly missed getting into the top 3 and are now working hard to perfect their routine for next year.

Well done to all of you!

The second competition for our 'B' and 'C' teams will also take place in January and the children are really working hard on their routines and vaults.

Pinner Park Football League

Every Wednesday this term, children in Key Stage 2 have been playing the 'Pinner Park Football League' and the 2 teams with the highest points played each other in the final this Wednesday.

There were some terrific matches along the way which led to very exciting finals. The children worked well in their teams showing great support to each other. All games ended with a hand shake to show respect to their opposition.

Results

Year 3:

Ready Forever 4 – 1 FC Barcelona

Year 4:

Respectful Footballers 2 – 1 Ready Footballers

Year 5:

Kentucky Fried Football 2 – 1 Team Drizzy

Year 6:

PP Freestylers 2 – 1 5NL is back

Well done to all our teams and players, and especially to our winners!

Next term the children will have the opportunity to compete in our basketball league.

