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Spring Term Newsletter 2

Dear Parents,

Trips and Visits

As the weather gets better, we are able to take the children out on more trips to develop their learning in the real world. This fortnight has been particularly busy with the Year 4 residential to Eaton Vale, Year 5 visiting the Castle Museum and Year 6 going out to look at Bauhaus architecture as part of their Art topic. As well as this Years 4 and 6 visited Notre Dame High School to see their performance of ~~The~~ Worst Best Christmas Pageant Ever.



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The whole school took part in a Day of Calm which was led by Suzy Brooks from Norwich School's Sports Partnership covering breathing, meditation, active listening, tai-chi, visualisation and the superhero pose!

All children also took part in our Science day. The theme this year was Time and I am aware that somewhere in the school there were some dissolving sweets...



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Parent's Evenings

Just a reminder that we will be holding our Spring Term parent's evenings on Tuesday 2nd and Thursday 4th April. If you would like an appointment and haven't already done so, please complete and return the Parent's evening form and the class teacher will give you an appointment.

Comic Relief

Last Friday, the school was full of superheroes showing us just how strong and resilient they all were! Thanks to everyone who brought in a donation; we raised £82.27 for Comic Relief.

Update from Anguish's Educational Foundation

Anguish will be accepting applications for school uniform grants for the next school year, from 1st April 2024. Parents are encouraged to apply early as they get extremely busy with applications over the summer.

Application forms for school uniform and school residential trips are now on-line. Parents will need to contact Anguish for the instructions and the appropriate link. You can contact them either by phone on 01603 621023 or by emailing info@norwichct.org.uk.

School Attendance

Thank you to all those parents we have contacted regarding attendance in the past term- 80% of these children have seen a marked improvement!

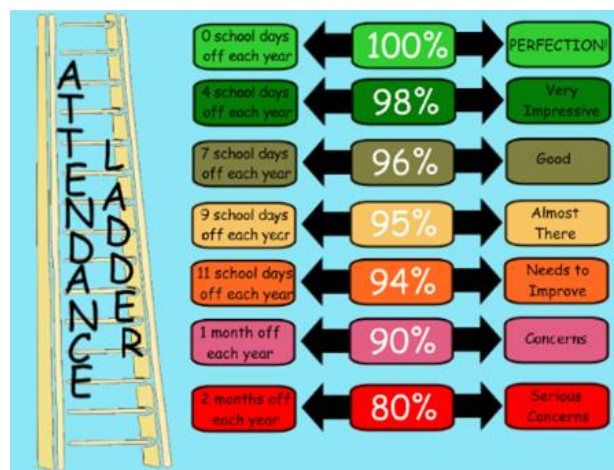
Generally, children in our school have good attendance but sometimes a child's attendance may drop below 90%. In cases such as this we will contact you to make you aware that this is happening and ask whether there are any ways we can support you moving forwards. Children whose attendance falls below 90% are classed as being persistently absent.

What is persistent absence?

This is a total of 19 school days over the academic year. This will have a negative impact on their education and ability to catch up on the work missed.

What is the impact of missing school?

Attendance is linked with achievement. Research shows that missing 17 school days negatively impacted on a child's academic abilities and their social and emotional development.



How can I support and improve my child's attendance?

To support your child's regular attendance at school, you can do the following things to help:

- Make medical and dental appointments outside of school hours, such as during the holidays
- Do not take holidays in term time. Children who miss school because of holidays miss essential lessons. You must get holiday requests authorised before you book a holiday, otherwise you risk your child being marked as having unauthorised absence.
- Only allow time off when your child is too unwell to be at school (see NHS link and guide below for more information).
- Praise and encourage good attendance with your child and promote the benefits of being at school.

- Implement positive bedtime and morning routines, make sure your child is organised for school the night before by ensuring they have their bag packed, PE kit ready and alarm set
- Make sure your alarm clock is set in good time!

When to keep your child off school for illness

Further information on when it is advised to keep your child off school for common illnesses can be found on the [NHS website](#) and on the chart at the bottom of this newsletter.

If your child has not yet reached compulsory school age, attendance in the early years is

still important. Not only will this support your child's development but setting good routines now will help you in the future.

Useful Dates:

Friday 29th March- Good Friday (School Closed)

Monday 1st April- Easter Monday (School Closed)

Friday 5th April- Last day of Spring Term

Monday 22nd April- First day of Whitsun Term

Kind regards,
Darren

When should my child return to school?



Chicken Pox When all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis None*	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever None*	Hand, foot & mouth None*	Impetigo When lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies After first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek None*	Whooping Cough 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
	Flu Until recovered	Head Lice None*	Threadworms None*	Tonsillitis None*	

Stars of the Week

EYFS

Last week's Star of the Week went to Yaseen for always having lots of creative ideas during our 'Make it Up' story sessions. This week it goes to Nibras for amazing progress and enthusiasm with learning to read.

Year 1

The Star of the Week for last week was Laylah is Star of the week for her remarkable performance in Cricket Skills, impressing us with her willingness to try a new sport and astonishing everyone with her bowling abilities. This week it goes to Aadish for consistently showing a fantastic learning attitude in all lessons.

Year 2

Last week's Star of the Week went to Ralph for having a super first week in his new class. This week it is George for working really hard in English lessons and getting his ideas down in a clearly presented way.

Year 3

Star of the week last week went to Vaida for a great week to finish a term of resilient work in maths. This week it is Freya for superb work in geography showing a great understanding of new terms and topics.

Year 4

Star of the Week for last week was Bella for being enthusiastic about every subject and taking her learning in new directions such as creating a rainforest display and leading the class in a Tai Chi exercise!

Year 5

Last week, Star of the Week went to Ianto for creating incredible vector drawings in computing. This week it goes to Elise for showing determination, resilience and strength when faced with challenges.

Year 6

Last week's Star of the Week went to Jamie for always being enthusiastic about his learning and giving his all. This week it goes to Tallula for consistently showing a superb attitude towards her learning.

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