



Newsletter 28 – 22nd April 2024

Knowledge begins with respect for God (Proverbs 1:7)

This half-term's value is 'Hope' (1 Corinthians 13:13)

Extended Leave

A large number of parents have been applying for extended leave recently. **In some cases, children are missing many weeks of school.** This can have a serious impact on children's learning and progress, something that I have particularly noticed when looking at the results of the assessments children have recently completed in school. Any child missing weeks and weeks of school will be at a real disadvantage and it can take a very long time to make up this lost learning time – some children's learning never fully recovers which can have serious consequences on their future life chances.

I would like to bring the following to your attention:

- Parents/carers **do not** have a legal right to take their child out of school for holidays in term time. Schools are expected to refuse requests for absence during term time unless there are **explicit exceptional circumstances**.
- **Requests for extended leave to attend family weddings or to see ill relatives are *not* deemed to be exceptional circumstances.** The availability of cheap flights or holidays is also *not* deemed to be an exceptional circumstance.

For children to make the best possible progress, it is vital that their attendance is the best it can possibly be. **Parents should consider very carefully the implications of taking a child out of school in term time and the impact on their child's learning.**

Attendance

Last term your child brought home a sheet containing important information about their attendance since September.

If your child's attendance was in the yellow, orange or red sections it is extremely important that you make improving your child's attendance an absolute priority this term. This is particularly urgent if their attendance was in the red section. This is to make sure that your child makes the best possible progress in all areas of their learning and development.

	Best chance of success (very high attendance)
	Very good chance of success (very good attendance leading to a better chance of success)
	Less chance of success (a noticeable number of missed days)
	Harder to make progress (a significant number of missed days leading to a reduced chance of success)
	Persistent Absentee (lowest chance of success)

Class Newsletters

Your child will be bringing home a class newsletter for the summer term with important information about homework, PE days etc. Please read this carefully. Class newsletters are also available on the class pages on our school website.

Best wishes

Julian Rogers
Headteacher

This week's Amazing Achievers!

Recent Reading Badges

Woodpeckers

Zara Malik – Silver

Kingfishers

Zakei Ullah – Topaz

Doves

Aminah Farooq- Emerald

Hawks

Rayyan Siddiq – Sapphire

Eagles

Daniyal Shaikh – Pearl, Ayesha Akhtar – Sapphire,
Fatimah Hajat – Gold Star

You've Been Spotted!

Children who have been demonstrating
one of our school values:

Unaysa Sohail – Robins Blue

Haaniya Farooq – Robins Green

Azaan Ali – Woodpeckers

Sara Holma – Kingfishers

Zayd Patel – Swallows

Amanah Harnekar – Doves

Hooria Abbas – Owls

Fatima Noor – Kestrels

Diba Sharif – Hawks

Aliyah Patel – Falcons

Alishah Kauser – Eagles

Authors of the Week

Key Stage 2 children who have excelled in
their writing recently:

Shurayh Mohammed – Doves

Sakina Shah – Owls

Azaan Hussain – Kestrels

Shanzay Jahangir – Hawks

Yahya Saleh – Falcons

Aliza Hussain – Eagles

Headteacher's Award

Children chosen for a special achievement last week:

Skye McCaw – Robins Blue

Mohammed Bhamji – Robins Green

M. Ameen Awan – Woodpeckers

Ziyan Ditta – Kingfishers

Umme-Hani Aftab – Swallows

M. Adam Patel – Doves

Anivardh Vyas – Owls

M. Abdul-Qadir Hussain – Kestrels

Ameen Atif – Hawks

Miroslav Balaz – Falcons

Harith Sidat – Eagles

Mrs Martin's Class of the Week:

Owls & Falcons

Mrs Fenton's Star:

Haaniya Farooq – Robins

Mr Richardson's Lunchtime Awards:

Adil Abdrabou (Robins) & Azaan Hussain (Kestrels)

Last Week's Attendance

	Best attendance	Best punctuality
Infants	Kingfishers	Robins
Juniors	Eagles	Kestrels & Falcons