



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/carers

It has been a long term and the children have now settled into their new classes and are stepping up to the increased work expectation.

We have said Goodbye to Miss Williams as she leaves us to start her married life as Mrs Wills. We also welcome Mr Nash as our new teacher in Y3/4.

Please remember next week is a four day week with the children finishing for half term on Thursday 24th October. We return on Monday 4th November.

ATTENDANCE

*Our whole school target is to have all our children in school 100%. **Top three classes each week are highlighted.***



We are focussing on attendance this year hoping that Moat can match the National average for schools. If your child has a cough or cold they can still come to school. If we feel it is affecting their ability to learn we will send them home.

Poor attendance often starts at primary school, and children who fall into this pattern are likely to underachieve at secondary school. Pupils who miss between 10 and 20% of school (that's 19 to 38 days per year) stand only a 35% chance of achieving five or more good GCSEs, compared to 73% of those who miss fewer than 5% of school.

Friendships can be affected by persistent absence, too: it can be hard for a child who misses lots of school to form relationships with their classmates.

If you take your child out of school for an appointment, we will need to see a medical appointment card or letter. You must make check-ups after school hours. Remember the doctor and dentist are open after 3.20pm.

Holidays in term time are strictly UNAUTHORISED. Missing time from school can leave a child with gaps in their learning which are then very difficult for them to catch up.

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
Miss Wallace	97.3%	93.6%	98.4%	97.7%
Mrs James	99.3%	98.0%	97.0%	95.3%
Mrs Tyers	97.4%	96.4%	91.4%	96.3%
Mr Nash	95.5%	92.7%	91.0%	96.2%
Mr O'Connell	97.8%	95.6%	97.0%	97.9%
Mrs Spendlove/Mrs Milward	97.3%	97.6%	94.1%	97.2%

Attendance Ladder



If your child has less than 90% attendance this is monitored as **Persistent Absence**. This will greatly affect their ability to make progress with their learning.

If you have a child starting school in September 2020, paperwork for their admission will be posted out by mid-November. If you have not received your pack by December then contact the admissions office directly at Shire Hall. We will be showing new parents round school on two dates – please see the date sheet below.

Thank you to everyone who came to our Harvest Festival or donated products for the food bank. The children were fantastic and we made £52.81 for Save the Children.



SOME CHICKENS CAME FOR THE DAY IN MRS TYERS CLASS. THE CHILDREN ENJOYED THEIR COMPANY AND WERE AMAZED WHEN THEY LAID AN EGG!!



The children have been having fun and learning in Forest School this term.

Mrs Yearsley is a fully qualified Level 3 Forest school leader and has been planning some super lessons for the children.

HOUSES.

Congratulations to Maple for a fabulous week last week. The biggest winning margin for a long time.

Term 1	Maple - Blue	Oak - Yellow	Ash - Red	Teak - Green
Week 1	164	150	170	179
Week 2	166	213	196	204
Week 3	216	232	214	233
Week 4	229	244	230	233
Week 5	171	186	209	219
Week 6	280	203	214	207

KEY DATES AND EVENTS

Date	Event
Friday 18 th October	National Daily Mile day – Whole school celebration 60 th Anniversary party All welcome.
Monday 21 st & Tuesday 22 nd October	Parents Evenings (excluding Mr Nash)
Wednesday 23 rd October	Spooky Disco – PTA event. Tickets on sale from 7 th Oct.
Thursday 24 th October	End of term BEST assembly. Parents/carers welcome. 9am Children finish for half term.
Friday 25 th October	Teachers INSET day – No children in school.
Monday 28 th – 1 st November	Half Term
Monday 4 th November	Back to school.
Thursday 7 th November	Phonics talk, Mrs James class after school.
Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th November Tuesday 12 th November	Anti-bullying week. Odd socks day
Wednesday 13 th November	Kristian Thomas (Olympic Gymnast) visiting school.
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need dress up day (£1 Donation).
Monday 18 th – Friday 24 th November	Road Safety Week.
Tuesday 19 th November	Open Morning. New Reception 2020 intake. 9.00am
Thursday 21 st November	Open Afternoon. New Reception 2020 intake. 2.30pm
Friday 22 nd November	Y5 & Y6 to Bristol Hippodrome – The Lion King.
Thursday 28 th November	Mr O'Connell's class assembly, followed by 'stay and share' coffee and cake!
Friday 29 th November	Flu immunisations. Whole school.
Wednesday 4 th December	Whole school trip to the Pantomime.
Friday 6 th December	Christmas Fayre
Friday 13 th December	Christmas Jumper Day. Christmas dinner (parents invited).
Wednesday 18 th December	KS1 & Reception Christmas performance. 2pm
Friday 20 th December	End of term BEST assembly. Parents/carers welcome. 9am
Monday 23 rd – Monday 6 th January	Christmas Holidays
Tuesday 7 th January	Back to School