



Newsletter

Friday, 11th March

Attendance Winners!

1st Place Y4 L

2nd Place Y5 T

3rd Place Rec M

Attendance and Punctuality

As with last week's, this newsletter is a two-page edition and contains the same information on attendance and punctuality on the second page. We are pleased to say that there has been an improvement in punctuality this week. We look forward to this and attendance improving further in future weeks.

Thank you.

School Nurse

We will be having a school nurse drop in session on Wednesday March 23rd (8:30-9:30am). If you would like to speak to the nurse about your child, please feel free to drop in - no appointment needed. The nurse can help and advise on a number of issues including, sleeping, toileting, healthy eating and behaviour to name but a few!



Red Nose Day

On Friday 18th March, school will be supporting Comic Relief. Pupils can wear red, or come in non-uniform. If you would like to send in a donation to support the charity, we will send this on!

Children can also come in prepared with a joke if they wish. Keep an eye out for some that will then be put on next week's newsletter and some of Facebook!

Thank you in advance.

Football

Our girls Y5/6 football team played today at Brierton Sports Centre. They played brilliant football, were very enthusiastic (with a fantastic attitude) and were great role models for the school.



After School Club

Places are now available for our After School Club. If you require any further information, or to book a place, please contact Mrs Green at the school office.

Book Fair

Due to books purchased last we have raised £187.72 in commission from the book fair to use on free books for school. A big thank you to everyone that supported us.

Holidays

We would, again, like to remind you of our arrangements for the summer half-term holiday of 2022. We have, as we did during previous years, organised all five of our PD days for the last week of half-term in May 2022 (Monday 23rd to Friday 27th May). This falls before the half-term holiday (Whit Week) which occurs at the end of May and the start of June (Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June). This means that instead of school being closed for just one week, it will be closed for two weeks. In addition, we are putting our PD days together again for during the 2023 summer term also. As a result, school will close on Friday 26th May 2023 and will re-open on Monday 12th June 2023, giving just over two weeks off.

If you have considered family holidays, these two fortnights provide a great opportunity without your child taking time away from school.

It is vitally important that children are in school as much as possible, as many have missed a lot of time in school over the last two years! However, if holidays are taken during school time, a holiday form must be completed prior to the time off. To complete a holiday request form, please contact Mrs Pugh. Please note: we are unable to authorise holidays during term time.

Attendance Matters!

Please note the following:

The impact of low attendance on children:

- Friendship/social issues- Children often feel they miss out on friendships and can find it difficult to fit in with their friends on returning to school.
- Academic Ability- Children are disadvantaged from their peers as they miss key lessons.
- Each lesson is a foundation for the next lesson. If a child misses frequent odd days at school, they will miss the foundations for their next steps and learning becomes difficult.

Our children have all missed a lot of school over the last two years because of Covid-19. It is important we help our children to achieve the best they can and be in school as much as possible. Our school target and National target is for attendance is 96.5%.

Best chance of success	0 days off school	100% attendance
	10 days off school	95% attendance
Poor attendance-Less chance of success	19 days off school	90% attendance
	29 days off school	85% attendance
Very Poor attendance- serious impact on education	38 days off school	80% attendance
	47 days off school	75% attendance

If you would like to discuss your child’s attendance, please contact Mrs Pugh who can tell you how much time your child has had off school and help support you improving your child’s attendance.

Let’s work together to ensure the best possible chances for our children!

Punctuality Matters!

The impact of children arriving at school late:

- Embarrassment of walking into a class late and everyone looking at them.
- Disturbing the learning of others.
- Missing important teacher input into the first session.

Our school gates are open from 8:45 until 8:55 to give you a 10-minute window for your children to arrive. All learning begins at 8:55. Children who arrive after the close of the school gates and have to come in through the school office are late.

If your child arrives at school at:	Minutes late	Days lost over the academic year
9am	5 minutes late	3 days
9.05am	10 minutes late	6.5 days
9.10am	15 minutes late	10 days
9.15am	20 minutes late	13 days
9.20am	25 minutes late	19 days

Merit Winners

Well done to our ‘Merit Winners’ for this week. They have all had a superb week and have demonstrated a fantastic attitude and positive outlook.

Examples include: writing an excellent non-chronological report, showing real focus during Maths and English, contributing to class discussions and improving concentration, beautiful presentation of work when completing all tasks, suggesting excellent ideas during shared writing, a fantastic work ethic (in and out of school), writing a super poem about clouds, fantastic art work mixing hot and cold colours, excellent writing using adjectives and exclamation marks, a fantastic effort, quick subitising in maths, brilliant use of maths reasoning skills, fabulous writing based on the ‘Bog Baby’ story, being a superb role model to everyone (impeccable manners) and having an outstanding attitude to learning!