



10<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers



Happy New Year! I trust you had a lovely Christmas with families and friends and are now set for the year ahead. A big thank you for all your help and support over the Autumn Term. It was an extremely long term with many challenges along the way.

A special thank you needs to go to Miss Gaunt and all the parent helpers who helped organise the different festive events. The Christmas Fair was a great success with the many stalls being run by parents and children. Altogether £327 was raised, which will go a long way to enable school to support new resources for the children.

## ATTENDANCE

A **New Attendance Policy and Procedure** will shortly be sent out to parents. This has been developed with the Local Authority and includes new guidance related to **absences and medical appointments**.

End of the Autumn Term 2019-20

- Whole School Attendance – 92.6%
- Class Attendance:
  - Foundation 2 92.8%
  - Year 1 90.3%
  - Year 2 93.1%
  - Year 3 94.2%
  - Year 4 92.7%
  - Year 5 92.9%
  - Year 6 91.8%
- Authorised Absence – 5.8%



Many people were affected by the different viruses towards the end of term which has had a big impact on attendance but hopefully we are all over them now and the whole school and class attendance will increase.

As a reminder, the expected attendance for all children and schools is **96%**.



We now have 101 pupils whose parents have signed up to and activated their Parent Pay accounts. We really appreciate your cooperation and patience with this new service, which is designed to help with secure cash-less payments to the school for lunches, after school clubs and trips.

Letters have been sent out to all parents and carers with individual information on how to set up an account. This service is for all families including those entitled to Free School Meals.

We ask that you continue to be patient with us. As I am sure you will understand any new systems, particularly those of a technical nature take time to settle and operate smoothly.

School uniform is an important part of our school. Visitors to the school and people children meet always comment on how smart the children are. With this in mind can I remind parents and carers of the following:

- **Shoes** - Black, flat school shoes – no open toed shoes or sling backs. Training shoes may be worn at break times.
- **P.E. Kits** - should be in school on a weekly basis and consist of Green T shirt and Black shorts
- **Hair** - Long hair should be tied back. If clips, slides or headbands are used they should be simple and not too big
- **Jewellery** - Jewellery is not permitted in school, along with make up or nail varnish and false nails. Should a pupil have pierced ears, plain studs only may be worn



In the case of hair and jewellery it is important to be mindful of health and safety regulations in order to avoid any problems.

### School Parking

As you are aware parking is limited around school. We would encourage all parents to use the church car park in order to reduce traffic around the school. Parking directly in front of the main school entrance is not permitted. We also ask that consideration is shown to residents close to school. We have had a couple of complaints over cars being parked across driveways.



### Key Dates

Swimming Y3	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan – Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March
PAWs Coffee Morning	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January 9:00 – 10:00
Peace Proms	Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> January
Young Voices	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January
Church Service	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January
Half Term	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February
School reopens	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February
Holy Week (tbc)	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March
Spring Break	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April
School reopens	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April

Thank you for your support and we look forward to working with you again this term.