

Hair cut for charity

Congratulations to our Teaching Assistant Mrs Pile, her family and friends. She shaved her long full head of hair raising over £2,500 for Cancer Relief. What an amazing amount of money to collect.

Exciting Egyptian days in year 6 and year 4

Children and staff looked very exotic and regal in their amazing Egyptian costumes. Thanks to the many parents who spent time preparing costumes for this day. Teachers organised a very busy day including a visit from an author, making coil pots and cartouches with clay, bead making, bread making and ending with an Egyptian banquet.

Children in Need Friday 15th November

Mrs Langmead has organised a non-uniform day to raise money for Children in Need. Each child is asked to come to school in non-uniform and asked to bring in 50p for this good cause. Class teachers will collect 50p from children in non-uniform at morning register. Feel free to wear Pudsey Bear ears or crazy hair!

Parent workshops

We hope that our parent workshops were helpful and our tips useful when reading with your child at home. We hope to extend these opportunities again in the Spring term. Thank you for supporting these workshops.

Christmas school lunches

Please watch out for information regarding Christmas lunches. All lunches will need to be ordered and paid in advance by placing the money in a named envelope.

Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre will take place on Thursday 28th November. We are asking each class to donate items for our **themed hampers**. There is a reward for the class who collects the most items. Each hamper will have a theme eg Christmas tree hamper, Christmas dinner hamper, pamper-yourself hamper, party hamper etc. We will let you know near the time about the theme attached to your child's class and the availability of stalls for those of you who are crafters. We also welcome any good condition soft toys for our teddy tombola.

Evacuation practice

Our first fire drill of the term has taken place. This is sometimes a worrying one for our youngest children. This year we certainly have a school of very confident children. All staff and children left the building in less than 3 minutes! Later this term we will complete our Big Walk. While the Big Walk promotes a healthy preference to walk to school, we also practice a large scale evacuation away from the school building.

If your child is late for school

- If your child is 5 minutes late everyday they will miss 3 days of learning each year
- If your child is 15minutes late every day they will miss 2 weeks of learning each year.

Punctuality is important, we know where your child is and therefore we can keep your child safe.

Attendance does matter

Please consider the impact of learning lost through absence days from school. Of course children get ill and under no circumstances would we keep ill children at school. If your child is ill, please contact the school on the first day of absence. After the second day, medical evidence is required. Holidays during term time are only authorised if the reason is exceptional. The school understands that holidays are cheaper outside term time but is bound to follow government instruction.

Attendance recorded	School period lost	Number of lessons missed
100%	0 days	0 lessons
99% attendance	1 day	3 lessons
95% attendance	8 days	24 lessons

92% attendance	3 weeks	45 lessons
90% attendance	3 weeks 3 days	54 lessons
85% attendance	4 weeks 4 days	72 lessons
80% attendance	6 weeks and 2 days	96 lessons