

Hello families

We have noticed that from time to time, children are left on the playground alone whilst brothers/sisters are taken to other parts of school. It is not safe to send your child to wait alone on the MUGA until the class teacher arrives. No one is supervising your child at this time or looking out for them. No one will know if they have an accident or wander off. We stagger the school day so that you can drop your children off at each year group safely. Year 1 and Year 2 start school at 8:45 am, Reception starts school at 8:50 am and Nursery at 9 am. That gives you time to drop your children off safely. Please ensure that you remain with your children at all times until the class teacher arrives to collect the class. If you have children in the infant and junior school, please drop your infant child off at school first. Have a good weekend. Mrs Nelson.

**Museum Visit** - Year 1 enjoyed a visit from the BwD Museum. They brought with them a selection of toys and games from the past. The children investigated the old toys and discussed how they compare to toys nowadays. It was an informative session that all children enjoyed.



**Mad Scientist** - Don't forget to join us and dress up as a mad scientist next **Friday, 31st January**.

It is to raise funds for a super science week that Mrs Umerji our Science Lead has planned for March. More information will follow. I cannot wait to see your ideas.

Keep it simple, don't spend money! Wild hair is a good start!



**Prams** - Please can I ask that you ensure that you are courteous to each other when travelling around the school. We are a long, extended site to navigate. Please ensure that prams can pass when they need to. If you have a pram, please extend the same courtesy and do not walk two prams together on the paths. Let people pass by you. Drop-off and collection times are busy, please think of others.

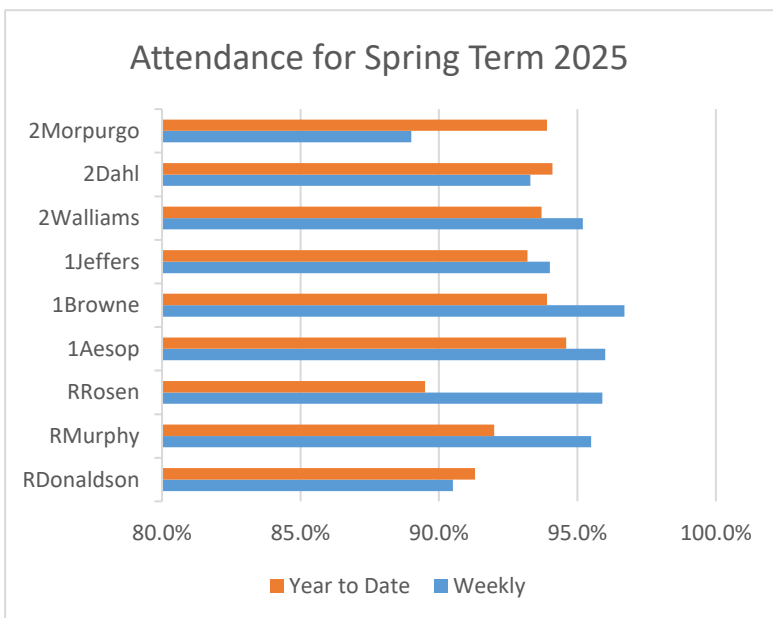
**Parking** - **Do not drive into the cul de sac near the nursery entrance to the school. It is dangerous for families walking into school. You do not have the space to drive safely. This space is for residents. Please walk if you can.**

## Attendance News - Week Ending 24.01.2025

We aim for our children to have at least 96% attendance in a year. This will ensure that they have the best opportunity to learn. We know that there are often genuine reasons for absence. I have included some reminders of our requirements around attendance.

- Please call school before 9am each morning that your child is absent. If you do not then Mrs Johnson will call you. She spends a significant amount of time calling parents in the morning. This time could be best spent supporting families and children. You can leave a message or hold to speak to a member of office staff.
- Absence is not authorised if your child is off for a period of time without medical evidence. Mrs Johnson will advise you when you call.
- Routine appointments are not authorised during the school day. We will only authorise emergency appointments.
- Extended leave is not authorised under any circumstance. I cannot agree to pupils being taken out of school for any reason. As a Headteacher, pupils learning will always take priority.

We will do everything that we can to support you to improve your child's attendance. In the event that it does not improve then you will be at risk of a fine. Education is free. Our children attain in line with or better than pupils nationally. Let us teach them! Bring them to school every day.



### As a Parent/Carer you have a responsibility to:

- Ensure that your child attends school on time, every day that school is open.
- Contact school each day before 9am for any absences, with the reason for absence.
- Ensure that your child is collected on time at the end of the school day.
- Inform school if someone else is collecting your child who is not known to us.
- Ensure school has up to date contact details.

### Lates

- You must be on time every day for school, be ready on the yard or for reception at the blue gates at:
- Reception - 08:45am.
- Year 1/Year 2 - 08:40am.
- Being late has a serious impact on your child's learning and disrupts the other children in their class.
- Breakfast Club is open from 8am daily. All children receive breakfast. You do not need to book. Breakfast closes at 8:30am.

