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Please note: We cannot offer After School Club on Wednesday 8th February

Friday January 27th, 2017

Dear Parents & Carers,

A decided contrast to last week! Nevertheless our youngsters have still been keen to exercise outside and staff have been kindly (and coldly) willing to accommodate them. Standing in a northerly wind can be very dispiriting, as I am sure you know, so we owe our Teaching Assistants a huge thank you for the way that they are *still* undertaking Midday Supervisor duties. I really do need to stress that this was meant to be a *temporary* measure. WE REALLY DO NEED YOUR HELP in finding Midday Supervisors. Are YOU willing? DO you know someone? Job sharing is welcomed. PLEASE get in touch if you can help in some way.

In the classroom our youngsters have been working hard: borne out by the number of house point and certificates awarded in Celebration Assembly yesterday. I have been impressed by the Comets' artistic skills in responding to images from war artists as they study World War Two. Stars Class have been learning so much about kings and queens that they are hardly having to act when it is their turn to be the monarch for the day! Planets Class are deep into their writing which is being inspired by Roald Dahl and have produced some splendid work about the 'Twits'.

Don't forget to let us know, using the slip on last week's letter, if you can come to our Storytelling Assembly. I can't stress enough what a benefit it is for youngsters to have adult role models in their learning. Please, also keep up with our weekly problem solving challenges as it is SO good to learn together. This week's challenge is a 'golden oldie' the sort of problem pupils were set in the 50s! Last week 50% returned the challenge with Comets still leading the way with 60% and Planets and Stars not far behind. Of course, the numbers being returned are affected by the illness we have had in school.

However, it has come to my attention, in reviewing attendance since September, that the number of pupils who are classified as 'persistence absentees' (attendance below 85%) has grown alarmingly. Of course we do not wish pupils to come to school when they are ill and we thank those of you who encourage your youngster to be resilient in coming to school.

The issue is the number of days missed from school that are **unauthorised**. It is **not** acceptable for a youngster to miss school because of a holiday. A youngster who is absent the equivalent of a day a week misses an equivalent of two years of their school life. I am sure you will agree that this is not a good situation and would ask you to carefully consider the effects before arranging anything that would be unauthorised.

We all wish you a 鸡年大吉 !

Have a good weekend

Interim Headteacher

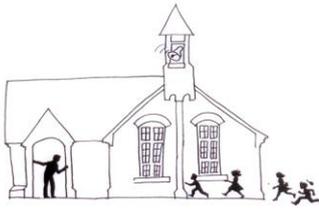


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