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Headteacher's Newsletter

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Attendance

School Target: 96%

School Attendance today: 94.7%

PLEASE REMEMBER WE DO NOT AUTHORISE HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

Welcome Back!

Welcome back everyone! I hope that you enjoyed the festive break and are ready for the new year. We've got some great things lined up for 2020 including the Year 4 and 5 residential to Robinwood in a couple of weeks and Year 5's trip to The Forum Theatre. The children have now all started their new spring term topics and what a great start it's been! Year 3 began by exploring a tomb for clues as part of their Ancient Civilizations topic and in Year 2 a letter arrived with an empty bucket and the storybook called Harry and a Bucket of Dinosaurs. All classes have been excited by their new learning. This week we have welcomed back Mrs Harding. She will now be teaching in Year 1 on Wednesdays and in Year 2 on Fridays. It's great to have her back however this means that sadly we say goodbye to Mrs Howarth who has been in this role since September. She has done a fantastic job and we will really miss her. We all wish her well in her next venture and hope that she keeps in touch.



Measles & Flu Alert

You may be aware that some schools have been severely affected by the usual winter bugs: Flu type A, and to a lesser extent type B. There were also a small number of Nora virus episodes in some schools that resulted in partial and full school closures. Stockport has fared slightly better than some other regions with the vast majority of schools in the Borough remaining, on the whole, less affected. Flu type A and respiratory virus detection cases peaked for a number of weeks before Christmas but have since decreased. Whilst this is the case, the local authority have asked us to urge you to ensure that children have the flu vaccine, if they have not already done so as this is the single most effective way to avoid serious illness.

Also there have been a small number (less than 5 to date) of cases of measles in ADULTS over the last two weeks. Whilst there is no cause for concern at present, we have also been advised to ask parents and carers to ensure that your children are up to date with the full course of MMR vaccinations, which requires 2 doses. Please see the attached information about this.

School Uniform

Please can you continue to make sure children come to school equipped with the things they need during the day, such as lunch boxes, swimming kits, instruments, PE kits and water bottles. PE kits should be left in school and will be sent home at the end of each half term. The children will need a separate PE kit for after school sports clubs. Please make sure that all of your child's belongings have their name and class clearly marked on them. Any nail polish must be removed, no bright hair accessories and no trainers are to be worn in school please.

Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance and punctuality will remain a very important part of school life throughout the new school year. We don't want any of our children to miss any valuable learning and I would like to stress how important it is for children to have a calm and settled start to their day. The school office will continue to monitor those who are regularly late or absent. We will help those who are persistently absent or late to improve with the help of the Local Authority Attendance Officer. As our school attendance target is 96% the class that achieves this will receive a class treat!

Outwood is a Community School!

This year we are looking forward to continuing our work with our community partners such as the Cheadle Mosque (CMA) who kindly raised funds for the school by holding a food sale at the Mosque and providing food and Henna at our Christmas Fair. We thank the CMA for their continued support. We are a community school and I look forward to sharing our new ventures in the local community in 2020!