



15th January 2015

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Our value for Collective Worship is Compassion

I hope that you had a relaxing break and have quickly settled back into the routine of school life. We have been really busy getting to grips with our new spelling scheme and working in year groups to learn new patterns and rules. The curriculum webs for this term came home this week and the children are eagerly getting stuck into their new topics.

We welcomed four new children to school - Ellie, Angel, Jimmy and Eleanor. It has been wonderful to see how quickly they have settled in and how welcome our children have made them feel.

I look forward to a busy half term ahead.

Mrs Welsby

Attendance for December

Our whole school attendance target is 96%

Reception - 97%

Year 1 - 95%

Year 2 - 97%

Year 3 - 98%

Year 4 - 97%

Year 5 - 100%

Year 6 - 99%

Well done! Nearly all the year groups hit our target.

Leave Of Absence during Term Time

As you will all be aware, current attendance regulations stipulate a Head teacher may not grant a leave of absence during term-time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what he/she views as 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. If the leave is granted, the head teacher is able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is issued and not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Parents are asked to respect the new regulations under which the school must work and if there is a need to take a child out of school during term-time, an application or request must be made in advance and make clear how the circumstances are exceptional.

YR/1/2 Universal Free School Meals—Census Day

School funding for the universal free meals for YR/1/2 is based on the average take up on the Autumn and Spring census days this year. The first census day was on Thursday 1st October and the second is on **Thursday 21st January**. Once again I would urge as many children from YR/1/2 to have a school meal on this day so that we are given adequate funding for the year.

This year, County Caterers will be laying on a special menu of hot dog or veggie dog served with jacket wedges, vegetable sticks and baked beans with mini chocolate donuts for pudding.

ALL FOR FREE FOR CHILDREN IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & 2.



Once again we will be taking part in Read for My School.

Mrs Tattersall will send out login details for Read for My School challenge on Monday. Children will be able to log in from Monday 18th January and record the books they have read.



PTFA NEWS

Thank you to everybody that donated cakes, prizes and their time to help make this years Christmas Fayre another resounding success. We couldn't do it without your continued support. We raised a total of £607.32 which we think everyone will agree is a fantastic amount for a school of our size!

We are currently on the green token scheme at Waitrose until the 28th January. Every month 3 local charities are nominated to get a share of £1000. At the end of your shop you will be given a green token to put in the box of the charity you would most like to support. The more tokens, the bigger the share of the £1000. Please spread the word to your local friends and family and post a token for us!

SAVE THE DATE! There will be a Valentines Disco on Thursday 11th February; more details to follow!

Stars of the Week

Oliver
Daniel
Henry
Megan J
Imogen
Iulia

Golden Ticket

Dyllan P
Oliver B
Angel

Please note that we have set our final training day for the year on Friday 22nd July 2016.

<u>Dates for 2015/16:</u>	
Wednesday 20th January	IMPACT Mrs Smith's morning group Maths 9 - 10am
Tuesday 26th January	Indoor Athletics 10-12pm
Wednesday 27th January	IMPACT Mrs Welsby's morning group maths 9 - 10am
Wednesday 3rd February	IMPACT Mrs Tattersall's morning maths 9 - 10am
Friday 5th February	LINK DAY Maths Problem Solving and reasoning Family Assembly - Sapphire Class 1pm
Monday 15th February	Half Term
Wednesday 2nd March	World Book Day Link Day
Friday 4th March	Mother's Day tea Party
Thursday 10th March	Quicksticks hockey 4-5.30pm
Friday 11th March	Family Assembly - Ruby Class 1pm at Tredington
Monday 14th March	Parents' evening 4-7pm
Wednesday 16th March	Parents' evening 4-5.30pm Easter Service 2pm St David's Newbold
Friday 18th March	End of term
Monday 4th April	Term Starts for school and nursery
Thursday 7th April	Cross Country 2-3pm
Thursday 21st April	Multi-skills tournament
Friday 22nd April	Family Assembly - Sapphire Class 1pm at Tredington
Monday 2nd May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 3rd May	INSET DAY (Nursery open but school closed)
Monday 9th May	KS2 SATs Week
Monday 23rd May	New Intake Meeting 7pm
Tuesday 24th May	Rounders tournament
Friday 27th May	Family Assembly - Emerald Class 1pm at Tredington
Monday 30th May	Half term
Monday 6th June	Croft Farm Week
Friday 17th June	Sports Day Link Day Father's day BBQ
Wednesday 22nd June	Reserve Sports Day
Tuesday 28th June	Warwickshire Induction Day
Wednesday 13th July	End of term Production
Thursday 14th July	End of term Production
Monday 18th July	Open Morning for Parents 8.40-11.00am
Thursday 21st July	LINK DAY Leavers' Service 2pm at St Gregory's Tredington End of term
Friday 22nd July	Training Day