



School Newsletter



Tuesday 23rd January 2018

Attendance is a key issue for schools as the Local Authority, Government and Ofsted continue to use attendance data to monitor schools. It is also vital for children to have good attendance in order to access full learning sequences and continue to develop their social skills with their friends. It is not uncommon for children to not seem 100% first thing in the morning but be back to their usual bouncy, smiley selves by mid morning. When our children seem a little unwell, it does make it very difficult as a parent as you want the best for your child— and sometimes the excuse for a day of cuddles on the sofa is very tempting! We encourage parents to bring children in everyday, unless very unwell. We will, of course, phone if they continue to seem unwell after they have arrived at school. If you are concerned about your child’s attendance, please make an appointment with me to discuss how we can work together to ensure good levels of attendance.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Laura Cornish

Whole school **attendance** last week:

92.6%

Government expectation: 96%

Persistent absentee: below 90%

Uniform

A reminder that our school uniform is a royal blue jumper or cardigan (ideally with the school logo), white shirt or polo shirt, grey trousers, skirt or dress and brown or black shoes. We request that all children follow the uniform policy. If you require uniform, we have some stock in school or it can be ordered via Tesco school uniform website. (<https://www.tesco.com/direct/ues/>) Please speak to us if you are finding it difficult to provide your child with the full school uniform.

Hooke residential trip—Years 5 & 6

A reminder that permission slips for the Hooke Residential trip are due back this Friday. Please see Mrs Dare, Mrs Kerr or Mrs Cornish if you would like to discuss the trip before completing the slip.

Diary dates

- Fri 26th January—PTFA meeting 9:00
- Thurs 1st February—Sharks open assembly (9:30)
- Tues 6th February—Seahorses Break Time Bakery
- Thurs 8th February—Starfish & Seahorse open assembly (9:30)
- Fri 9th February—INSET day
- 12th-16th February—Half Term



Celebration

In our celebration assembly today, we started to think about the celebration of the Chinese New Year. This year, the festival is on 16th February to welcome in the Year of the Dog.

Well done, Henry, for remembering the story of how the years were named.



PTFA Meeting—Friday 26th January

A reminder that we have a PTFA meeting on Friday this week. We will be electing a new Chair and Vice Chair. Please come along if you are able to. The work of the PTFA makes a real difference to all of the children and the life of the school.

Arriving after 8:55

Please ensure that any children arriving after 8:55 are signed in at the office by an adult. This ensures that all children are included on the register which is taken at 8:55. For the safety of all members of the school, it is important we know who is here.



Sharks and Starfish Shared Reading

The children in Sharks and Starfish had a wonderful afternoon last week when they shared stories together. It was fantastic to see all of the children engaged in a range of books to share and develop a love of reading.



Community—St Michael's Children's Choir

All children between 5 and 11 years of age are invited to St Michael's Parish Church in Lyme Regis on Mondays during term time to join this steadily growing children's choir and have fun learning to sing! We've had a really enjoyable and successful year with the existing children in the choir but always welcome new children. This term we are learning music to celebrate Mother's day and Easter, and other fun inspiring songs! Children and their parents are welcome to attend from 3.30pm for refreshments with singing starting at 4pm finishing by 4.40pm. If you would like to come along please contact Alex Davies on 01297 442596 or email organalex@yahoo.com.