

Year 2016-17**INSET DAYS**

Fri 17th Feb

Mon 10th July

Spring Term

Starts: 3rd Jan

Half Term:

20th Feb -24th Feb

End of Term

7th April

Summer Term

Starts: 24th April

Half Term:

29th May -2nd June

End of Term

25th July

School uniform

Please ensure your child has the correct uniform, and a coat now the weather is much colder. Your child should have a PE Kit ready for the beginning of each week (plain navy or black tracksuit bottoms may be worn in the cold weather).

School Clubs

After- School Clubs will start again the week beginning Monday 16th.

A 'Clubs letter' will go out via Parent Mail on Fri 6th Jan, slips in by Wed 11th please.

Tennis coaching begins Friday 13th Jan (catch up session), new beginners will start on 20th Jan

Karate and Street Dance will begin on Tuesday 10th January.

Absences

The government expects all primary school children to achieve a **minimum** of 95% attendance. To meet this target we need to make a concerted effort.

Clearly, if your child is ill, we expect you to keep them at home. We would, however, encourage you to try and make non-urgent Dentist and Doctor Appointments out of school time.

Absence due to Illness

If your child is ill and absent for more than 2 consecutive days, we would expect you to take your child to the doctor and provide the school with proof that he/she is required to have further days absence from school due to a continuation of that illness .

Please note without such proof the 3rd day and any subsequent days following that illness may NOT be authorised.

Absence due to Holiday

Head teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. All requests for leave of absence must be put in writing to the Head teacher prior to the absence taking place.

Please note that under section 444(A) of the education Act 1966, the Local Authority may issue Penalty Notice fines to parents or those with day to day responsibility of children with unauthorised absences from school. The Penalty Notice fine cost is £60 issued to each parent/responsible adult per child if paid within 21 days, after which it goes up to £120 to be paid within 7 days. Please note that non-payment may result in prosecution.

Bad Weather

In the case of bad weather causing the school to make the decision to close, the school will notify Spirit FM Radio station as well as notify your directly by Parentmail when possible.

You may check Spirit FM's list of closed schools by visiting www.spiritfm.net.

Please do not telephone Spirit FM directly.

**School Meal**

All schools receive funding from the government. The funding is based on the number of children who eat a UIFSM school meal on the Census day (Thursday 19th January).

This funding is vital to enable the school to pay towards the cost of waste disposal, energy etc. for this year and the following years.

We would therefore like to encourage all parents of KS1 children to please not supply a packed lunch on that day but have your child enjoy the tasty hot meal supplied free of cost.

The menu that day is either Sausage & Mash with Gravy Or Macaroni Cheese Sides of Peas & salad With a dessert of Chocolate Shortbread.

Your support would be very much appreciated.

Park & Stride

In the interest of health and safety, we would urge all parents and visitors not to park in the approach road at the Stocks lane entrance as this causes obstruction for our pedestrians and Emergency services. It is a restricted parking zone, and unauthorised parking could result in a parking fine.

Please take a little extra time to park away from the school and walk to school, thus allowing the children a safe and clear view to cross the main road.



Please act responsibly and help keep our children safe.