



Inset Days: 2018

Fri 9th Feb

Fri 13th July

Spring Term

Half Term:

13th –16th Feb

End of Term

29th March

Summer Term

Starts: 16th April

Half Term:

28th May –1st June

End of Term

24th July

Open Eve

The Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings will be held on

Wed 7th Feb
3.30–7pm

Thur 8th Feb
3.30–6pm

Details to follow

School Clubs

After- School Clubs will start again the week of Monday 15th January 2018.

Please look out for the clubs letter and return the response slip asap to ensure a place at the club of your child's choice.

Absence from school

The government expects all primary school children to achieve the national average of 96% 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.

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 Funding

You will have heard through the media of the current challenge facing schools in endeavouring to ensure that pupils receive a well resourced education.

All schools receive funding from the government. The funding is based on universal infant free school meals ie. the number of KS1 children who eat a school meal on the Census day (Thurs 19th January). This funding is vital to enable the school to pay the cost of staff, books, energy, materials, waste disposal etc.

We would therefore like to ask 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 of:

Sausages or quorn patties, omelette, baked beans, mini-potato squares and bread followed by blueberry muffin or cherry yoghurt and granola, and to drink milk or water.

Pupil Premium

In addition, the school receives an **extra** payment from the government, based on its number of Free School Meals Pupils. This is called **Pupil Premium Funding** and is worth £1320 for every child who is registered. This allows us to provide extra support such as small group teaching, Learning Support Assistants or assistance from external partners.

We would ask all parents, if entitled, to register for Free School Meals, **even if:**

- Your child already receives universal infant free school meals
- You would rather your child had a different meal, such as a packed lunch

Please note that your child does not have to eat the free school meal if you register—this is optional. We would, however, ask you to register regardless of whether or not they want a meal so that we can receive this funding.

Please refer to the FSM letter for further details of entitlement and the application form, which was sent out on Monday 8th Feb via Parentmail.

Thank you for your support.