



FLORA NEWS



Head's Blog

It was lovely to interview pupils on Thursday for the Librarian positions. They all did really well and are excited about running our library. I'm looking forward to seeing a real boost in reading this year.

PLEASE MAKE TIME TO READ FOR 15 MINUTES EACH DAY WITH YOUR CHILD AT HOME.

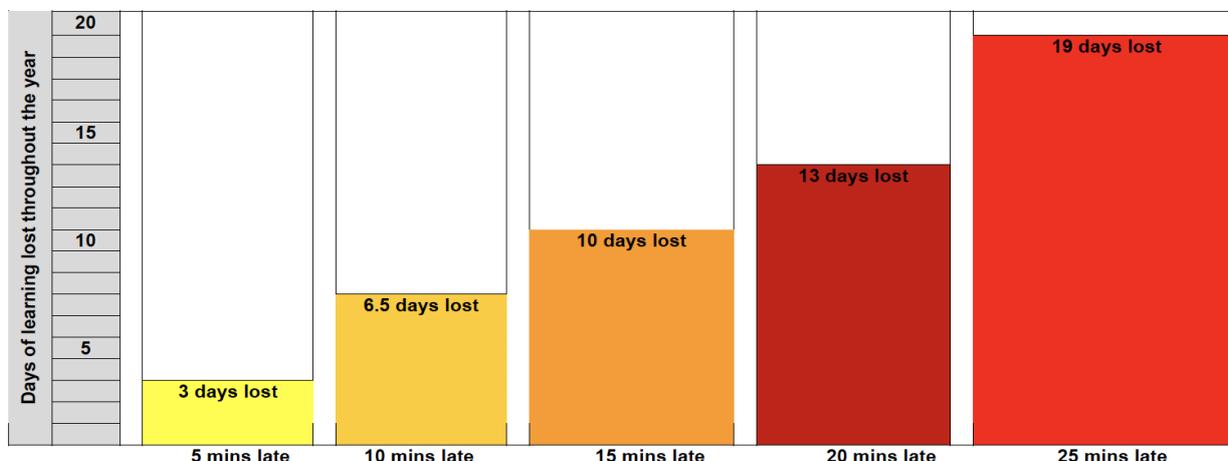
Many thanks to the parents that have volunteered to help out at the school. It is wonderful to have the help at lunchtimes and additional adults in class from time to time. As a training school, we will soon be getting our first students from St Mary's University, continuing the relationship that started nearly 5 years ago, This allows us to have even more adults in class supporting your children to make even better progress. I am sure you will welcome them when they arrive.

As is usual at the start of a new year, all staff have detailed training on keeping children safe - this focuses on safeguarding, our legal responsibilities and also appropriate physical contact where required. All staff are trained, refreshed and providing the safe environment that you have come to expect from us over the last 5 years.

One area of safeguarding is attendance and punctuality. All children are entitled to receive the full benefits of education; poor attendance or poor timekeeping is therefore a safeguarding issue. We recognise punctuality as an important related issue, as frequent lateness will cause children to miss aspects of their education, is upsetting for the child, and is disruptive to others. We will be working with the Local Authority on punctuality and attendance so please do not be surprised by a robust response if we have concerns.

I must also make it clear that holidays are not allowed to be taken in term time.

If you are 5 minutes late every day that adds up to over 3 days of learning over a year
15 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 2 weeks each year



Days off school add up to lost learning and impact on your child's life chances.

175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR		175 DAYS TO SPEND ON HOLIDAYS, FAMILY TIME, VISITS, SHOPPING, HOUSEHOLD JOBS AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS	
190 SCHOOL DAYS EACH YEAR 190 days for your child's education EXCELLENT 96 – 100% Most effective way of success. Sets your child off to a good flying start	10 days absence 180 days of education CONCERNING Less than 96% School monitors attendance; it is less than expected	19 days absence 170 days of education WORRYING Less than 90% Less chance of success; harder to make progress in learning, friendships and relationships with others	29 days absence HALF A TERM MISSED 161 days of education SERIOUS CONCERNS Less than 85% This is not fair on your child. Education Welfare Services are involved; and you risk prosecution and a jail term.



**Thursday 26th September
9.15 – 10.30 in the school hall.**

Parents, family and friends of Flora are welcome to join us as we sell cakes and raise money for an amazing charity.

We are asking for you to bring donations of homemade or shop bought cakes/baked goods, that we can sell in order to raise as much as possible.

This is a great opportunity to enjoy a sweet treat, meet new parents/families, or just catch up with old friends!



INTERNATIONAL EVENING

On **Friday 4th October**, the parents association will be holding our annual international quiz night.

This event is for parents, family, friends, staff and governors and is always so much fun.

The event runs from **6.00pm – 9.00pm** and the school even provides a crèche, so there is no need to worry about childcare for the evening.

The food is out of this world, as we ask those attending to bring a dish from around the world to contribute to the buffet.

This year, parents and staff will be mixed up in groups for the quiz, so it could get pretty competitive!

Tickets will be on sale very soon from Miss Kelly.



There are still some spaces available for our after school clubs. In particular, football club and dodgeball club run by Boom Sports have surprisingly low numbers this term. If you would like to sign up for any of our clubs you can do this at www.sims-pay.co.uk or speak to Mr Finney for more detail.

We have noticed a few pupils are wearing yellow polo shirts without the school's logo.

This is not our uniform!

Please buy the correct uniform from www.myclothing.com

The trial of Pasta King will start next week for Year 5 and Year 6.

If it goes down well with these two classes, it will then be extended to the whole school.

Value Award Winners

- Nursery – Wissam
- Reception – Saul
- Year 1 – Amaiah
- Year 2 – Maher
- Year 3 – Rashid
- Year 4 – Saoirse
- Year 5 – Ibrahim
- Year 6 – Key'Miya
- PE – Iman Y5
- Music – Bruno Y5



This week we started our new 'Snack Shack', where KS2 pupils can purchase a breacktime snack for just 30p. Some example from this week are vegetable sticks, samosas and fruit salad.

If your child would like a mid-morning snack to keep them going until lunchtime, they will need to bring 30p to school with them.

