

Newsletter Date: 20th October 2017

1<sup>st</sup> Autumn Term – 7 weeks (Week 7)

Dear Parents,



### Attendance

Whole school attendance for last week was **98.3%**. We have exceeded our whole school target of 97%, so children will get an extra 5 minutes play on the first week back after half term. Well Done!

The winners for best attendance this week are; Key Stage 1, **1LW**, and for Key Stage 2, **4RW and 5AJ** - Well done to those classes in particular.

Class	Caterpillars AM	Caterpillars PM	Nursery AM	Nursery PM	Busy-Bees	Lady-birds	1CM	1LW	2JH
Lates	0	0	3	0	1	4	2	0	2
Attendance	93.8%	87.5%	90.4%	95.2%	97.6%	97.7%	99%	99.7%	98.7%

Class	2SL	3LW	3OM	4AH	4RW	5AJ	5NW	6LMC	6MP
Lates	1	2	1	1	1	2	0	4	1
Attendance	99.7%	99.7%	98.4%	98%	100%	100%	99.3%	99.3%	97.3%



This award is given to the classes with the fewest amount of late children in a week. The winner of **Beat the Bell** last week for EYFS & Key Stage 1 is **1LW**, and the winner for Key Stage 2 is **4RW and 5AJ**. Well done everyone!



This award is given to classes that have shown an outstanding attitude to learning or behaviour. The winners this week are **2SL, 3OM and 5SH**.



This award is given in the Achievement Assembly on the previous week, and is awarded to two children who had 100% attendance that week. Last week's winners were **Malaika Bhatti (1CM) and Aya Hassan (3LW)**. Well done!

### Promises

Every month we will share with you one of the promises that we are celebrating in class. The promise this month is:

**Respect ALL others and always react and respond calmly**

## Parent Information

# Important

### Inset day change

The INSET day on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April has been changed to **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January**. This means that children will be absent from school on this day after the Christmas holidays.

We apologise for any inconvenience but hope that the notice we have given will help with your future holiday plans.

**Children will be expected to be in school on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018.**

### Eid-UI-Fitr

Early indications are that Eid in June next year will be on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018**. We have two occasional days to allocate to Eid, and so to help parents with their plans we have taken the decision to **close on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018 and Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018**.

**Children will be expected to be back in school on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018.**

### Staff Changes

Mrs Hampson who has been with us on Supply currently teaches 5NW, and is leaving us at the end of this half term. We want to wish her all the very best for the future.

After the holidays Mrs Hussain will be joining us to teach 5NW. Mrs Hussain is a very experienced teacher, and we are sure that she will fit well in to the Pikes Lane family.

### Maternity

We have a number of staff that have gone, or are due to go on maternity leave shortly, Mrs Wallace is due to go off in November, Mrs Witter and Miss Diggle have already gone, and we welcome back Miss Bergau to 3LW. As you will be aware, Miss Waldron is currently on Maternity Leave and will be returning to teach 5NW in January.

### Other Staff information

We are also losing Mrs Cain as a Teaching Assistant in Upper Key Stage 2. Mrs Cain has worked here for a number of years, and we will all be sad to see her leave, but wish her the very best of luck for the future.



**Half Term: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Flu vaccinations. Please return your consent slips as soon as possible. If you sign the green form for your child and then they have the vaccine at the doctors you must tell the office.**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Oral Health Workshop for parents of Caterpillars, Nursery and Reception in the Hall 8.50am**

**Christmas Holidays: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2017 to Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 inclusive**

**February half term: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018 to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018**

**Easter Holidays: Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Children return on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

**May Half Term: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May to Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June inclusive. Children return on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

**Term ends on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

### Year 6 parents

If you have not applied for a secondary school place for your child, you must do so by **31<sup>st</sup> October 2017**. **Please allow 3 days for postage if you are sending a paper application.**

It is very important that you apply for a place as having a brother or sister at a school, or the fact that it is the closest **does not** guarantee you a place.

Please also ensure that you apply even if you are expecting your child to go to a private school.

**If you do not apply for a place, or you put your application in late, you will be allocated any school in the local authority, and this could be some distance away from you.**

