

'Striving for Excellence'  
Headteacher: Mrs D. Dack

## NEWSLETTER 7

### FEBRUARY 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

We had our first face to face visit from the Local Authority school Adviser since the beginning of the Pandemic! Her feed back was:

- What a calm and purposeful atmosphere around the school
- Excellent displays of work from many curriculum areas
- A vast range of activities being taught to a high standard
- Polite, well mannered and happy children

This is excellent feedback and I am very proud of all the staff and pupils.

On the School premises we are continuing to wear facemasks in busy areas and ask all visitors to do so due to the number of cases we have in school. Thank you all for your ongoing support.

Mrs Dack

#### **ABSENCE PROCEDURES**

If your child is absent from school the parent/carer must contact the school on the first day of absence before 9.20am. The school has an answer phone available to leave a message if nobody is available to take your call.

Contact the school on every further day of absence, again before **9.20am**.

#### **PUNCTUALITY**

The school day starts at **8.40am** when children can begin to come into school. Registers are taken at **8.50am** and your child will receive a late mark 'L' if they are not in by that time.

#### **HOW MANY DAYS OFF?**

The impact absence has on your attendance

##### **Attendance Levels**

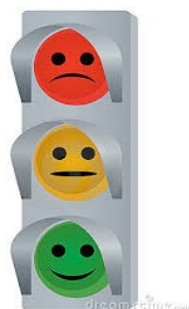
100% Attendance = 0 days off

95% Attendance = 10 days off

90% Attendance = 20 days off

85% Attendance = 30 days off

80% Attendance = 40 days off



Below 90% Unsatisfactory

91—95% Cause for concern

96—98% Good

99—100% Excellent

## **SAFER INTERNET DAY - TUESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2022**

This year's theme is: **All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online** and we will be completing activities in school based on this topic.

The day is to **celebrate young people's role in creating a safer internet** and the ways they are shaping the interactive entertainment spaces/platforms they are part of e.g. gaming, social media, 'live' experiences such as video streaming...

These platforms play such an important and positive role, providing young people with the means to interact with friends and as a great pastime, particularly during lockdowns. However, there are some emerging safety issues in these spaces as well as issues young people have been navigating for some time; particularly the lack of respect individuals display towards each other, groups 'ganging up' against other groups, and the sense that it is easy to 'get away' with negative behaviour such as meanness, bullying and swearing.

The apparent lack of consequences for negative behaviour has an impact on safety and wellbeing. Young people need to understand what constitutes respectful behaviour online, and know what to do if they encounter hate or bullying directed at them or someone else. Be an up-stander, not a bystander.

There are a few short films on the website that act as a good conversation starter for children and parents to discuss any issues that may arise from this topic, please follow the link below. Please note the intended ages on the videos.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022/films>

**Safer  
Internet  
Day 2022** | **Tuesday  
8 February**

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

### Films - UK Safer Internet Centre

We have created a range of Safer Internet Day films to help you spread awareness whether you are a school, nursery, youth group, library, police service, or wider.  
[saferinternet.org.uk](https://saferinternet.org.uk)

## **DONATIONS NEEDED**

We would love more play equipment for the children to have at lunch times. If you have any unwanted lego, cars, barbies, etc please could you bring them into the school office.

### **WORLD BOOK DAY**

We will be celebrating World book Day on Thursday 3rd March, by dressing as our favourite book characters. It is lovely to see the children's imaginations run wild with their costumes and look forward to seeing them all on the day.

### **SWIMMING CONTRIBUTIONS**

You will have received notification for payment of your child's Swimming contributions for the Spring Term. Payment can be made through Pay 360.

### **PTA EVENTS FOR SPRING TERM**

Film Night in classes will be held Thursday 3rd February, Family Magic Night Saturday 26th February, Mothers Day stalls Tuesday 22nd & Thursday 24th March and Quiz Night Friday 25th March. Details of all these events will be sent home soon.

3rd February	PTA Film Night in classes
8th February	Safer Internet Day
<b>14th –18th February</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
21st February	Pupils back to school.
26th February	PTA Magic Night
28th February	Book Fair—3.15pm Mill Hall
1st March	Book Fair—3.15pm Mill Hall
2nd March	Book Fair—3.15pm Mill Hall
3rd March	World Book Character dress up day
22nd & 24th March	Mothers' Day PTA stalls
25th March	PTA Quiz Night
30th & 31st March	<b>PARENT CONSULTATIONS – School Cloud</b> <b>Wednesday 30th March 3.00 – 5.20pm</b> <b>Thursday 31st March 3.00 – 5.20pm</b>
4th April - 18th April	<b>Easter Hoildays</b>
19th April	<b>Inset Day—No pupils</b>
20th April	Pupils back to school