



DATES TO REMEMBER

- 26.09.18 1st Swimming session for Years 3 & 5
- 29.10.18 - 02.11.18 Half Term**
- 28.09.18 Macmillan Coffee Afternoon
- 05.11.18 INSET Day School Closed to pupils
- 21.12.18 Christmas—Break up 12.30pm

School Term Dates 2018/2019

Spring Term 2019

Term Starts 08.01.19

Half Term 18.02.19 - 22.02.19

Term Ends 12.04.19

Summer Term 2019

Term Starts 29.04.19

Half Term 27.05.19 - 31.05.19

Term Ends 19.07.19

Inset Days

Monday 5th November 2018

Monday 7th January 2019

Monday 22nd July 2019

Local Elections

Thursday 2nd May 2019

SATs Tests week to be confirmed.

Dear Parents and Carers,

WELCOME BACK! The long six weeks holiday seems to have passed in the blink of an eye. I hope you all had a good break.

Next week we welcome our new Reception children to our school so that will be very exciting and somewhat emotional for all concerned!

The children have looked immaculate in their new shoes and uniforms this week, so thank you for that. As always, please do your utmost to make sure that the children have the correct uniform on at all times and have the correct PE kit and equipment in school. PE kits should only really go home during holidays and should be in school from the start of each term.

As I mentioned last term, we are adopting a more robust stance on attendance issues this year. If your child builds up 5 days absence during the year, you will receive a letter reminding you that after a further 2 absences, any further ones will be recorded as unauthorised. Our school attendance has dropped by almost 2% over the last two years and this simply has to change. Please support us and your children by ensuring that they attend every day possible.

We have also seen a rise in the number of children arriving late for school recently. As a result I must remind parents that our official start time is 8.55am. Doors will be closed at this point and registers taken. If you are late for any reason you **MUST** accompany your child the main front entrance and Mrs Bowen will be on duty to ascertain the reason for the lateness. It is not ok to be 2-10 minutes late every day as these minutes mount up over the year and genuinely affect a child's well being, self esteem and education.

Please remember that holidays in term time are not allowed for any reason. If you do take your child away, you must submit a Leave of absence request in writing prior to departure. This absence will be recorded as unauthorised and can trigger a fine from Education Investigation Services.

This year we will be placing an even greater emphasis on reading and times tables. Please help us to help your child achieve their best by reading with them every day and practising their tables every week too. Homework will be issued on Fridays for all year groups and should be returned to school the following Wednesday. Pupils who do not complete their homework will be required to complete it during their Golden Time on Friday afternoon.

JUST A LITTLE *Reminder*



Please be considerate to our local residents when parking your car, not to block any drives and access areas.