

Attendance and Punctuality

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I really enjoy those days when I am able to come out to greet children and parents in the morning; it makes for a very pleasant start to the day. Unfortunately, I can see that there are still a large minority of families who are late bringing children to school in the morning.

Parents of children in Years 1 – 6 should aim to be in the playground for 8.40 so that everyone is ready for the whistle at 8.45. That way, if you are a couple of minutes 'late' you are still on time. It is extremely important that children learn the importance of punctuality – being late disrupts the smooth running of the school, puts late children at a disadvantage compared to their classmates and is not acceptable when children are older and enter the workplace. **Please support you children by getting them to school on time every day.**

Being five minutes late every day adds up to over three days lost time over a year.

Likewise, some children still miss too much school and **EVERY DAY COUNTS!** When schools are inspected high rates of absence may indicate that children have poor attitudes to school. We know that this is not the case for almost all children so...**please get your child to school on time every day!**

I have now met with the 'Director of Capital Projects' and made an urgent request that the children's toilets are refurbished as soon as possible. Hopefully, we will hear more in the next few weeks.

Best Wishes
Richard Stone
Headteacher

Gaming... we are aware that many children are exposed to games intended for adults or much older children. Games, like films, are certified for good reason – **children should not be exposed to graphic violent content.** Please think twice before you play 18 rated games with your children

Children in Need

Year 5 children are taking the lead with Children in Need this year. They will be running various activities to raise money for Children in Need on Friday. If your child wants to come to school wearing something spotty next Friday, then could they please bring a (suggested) donation of £1. There will be games and other activities on site, including a cake sale, so a little bit of small change would be very helpful.

As part of anti-bullying week we are holding a 'Compliments Day' tomorrow when children will be able to share compliments for other pupils – these will all be displayed in the library as golden coins on a beanstalk!

Parking Safety

A reminder to all parents that the yellow markings outside school are there for pupil safety. **It is not safe for children when adults park directly outside the school.** Please park further away and walk the last few metres into school. I am sure that no-one wants to be responsible for causing an injury to a child but we have had two narrow escapes recently. **It is simply not good enough to ignore the yellow lines outside this or any other school!**