

Let Spring Begin!

Dear Parents and Carers

The first half of the spring term has been as busy as ever and the variety of opportunities available continues to grow.

Inside this edition you gain an insight into the range of activities in community, sporting, musical, reading and of course, the ever-present baking competition!

I have included the Autumn Term Roll of Honour which celebrates achievements of pupils across all year groups in a wide and varied way. It is noticeable that Henlow values shine through all that we are involved in and the visit to Oak Manor Care Home to share the money our pupils have raised reflects this approach. Similarly, the community welcome given to the children's choir of Watoto demonstrates the way in which our pupils gain an insight into the lives of others.

The impact of hosting a concert of this type heightens our awareness of those less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you for providing a large audience in the evening and the many positive comments we have received on the energetic singing and dancing displayed.

Also included in this edition is a summary of the gymnastics results from the Eastern Regional

School Sports Acrobatic Competition. Yet again our pupils have excelled and we are very proud of their achievements. Bella, Piper, Neve, Caitlin, Bethan will represent us at the national finals in May!

Parents Evenings have been well attended this year and further opportunities for parents of Year 6 & 7 pupils take place in March.

For Year 6 begins their SATS practice week as March begins and we know that this provides a further opportunity for them to experience this type of examination process.

Finally, World Book Day is around the corner so please start the search for a costume!

Yours



Caren Earp

Head Teacher





Curriculum Update



January timetable changes

We are pleased to report that all pupils and teachers have settled into their new timetables well since the changes made over Christmas. We are pleased to announce that Mrs Cooper has taken over the reigns from Mr Leavey (temporarily) to lead Geography and Mrs Goward is now responsible for the leadership of History at both key stage two and three.

Reports

Thank you for the feedback you have sent in response to receiving your child's report. As a result of some of the feedback we shared some additional information with parents of Year 5 in the week beginning 21/01/19 and we hope that this has clarified some of the terms we used in the reports.

Parents of Year 6 will have noticed that the reports did not contain information about English reading comprehension, grammar punctuation & spelling (GPS) or Maths. Please refer to the Mock SATS 1 result sheet sent prior to Christmas. Mock SATS 2 is set for the week beginning 4/03/19 and the results from these tests will be shared at the year 6 / 7 parents evenings (Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st March).



Sporting Success



Our Year 7 & 8 Girls Handball Team played brilliantly at the recent county finals to come third.



Congratulations to the 8 pupils who ran in the Cross Country County Finals at Ampthill on Wednesday 6th February.

The results are as follows:

Under 13 Girls (Year 6&7) Lily H - 8th, Bella R - 26th, Sophie P - 28th and Hannah M - 30th

Under 13 boys (Year 6&7) Finley P - 33rd and Harleigh JS - 39th

Junior boys (Year 8&9) Charlie F - 45th



The Travels Of Henry Henlow

Sonny H – Henry Henlow Dec/Jan 2018 -19

I was lucky to be going to New Zealand and Singapore for Christmas and New Year. My uncle and cousins live in New Zealand so we were going to spend time with them in Auckland and explore the North and South Island. We started in the North Island where we went canoeing, sand surfing, body boarding and visited glow worm caves and then went to the South Island where we went on cable cars, go-karting, boat trips and we even saw penguins and sea lions. In the South Island Henry Henlow and I climbed the steepest road in the world, it was really hard work. On the way home we stopped at Singapore and went to a hotel that looked like a boat on pillars – it was amazing!



The Travels Of Ollie S

CERN A Place to Go?

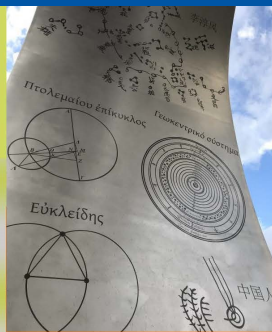
What is CERN?

CERN is the organization that built the Hadron collider. It stands for the European Organization for Nuclear Research. It all started after the war when a group of Europeans decided to make European science worldwide and they picked Geneva for their lab to be built on.

The Colliders

The Large Hadron collider isn't the only accelerator at CERN, it is 1 of 4. The accelerators work by stripping hydrogen particles of their electrons. They then reverse magnets so that the particles are attracted by the positive magnet. Next, they switch the magnetism so the particle switches back on its self and every switch the particle grows faster and faster until the particle nears light speed. Finally, it is smashed into another accelerated particle leaving traceable results of smashed particle.

There are 4 sensors at CERN, and they interpret the results of the particles. They register the patterns that might have a Higgs Boson or something new, then they compare it with the other sensors. If the new object appears on two or more of the readouts, then it is noted down as something significant. The first Higgs Boson appeared in 2012 after 49 years of hiding. Peter Higgs first predicted the existence in 1963.



Important people

Tim Berners-Lee

Invented the world wide web(www) in 1989 so that CERN could share their data with scientists all over the world.

Peter Higgs

Predicted the Higgs Boson in 1963. It was discovered in 2012. He won the Nobel prize in physics in 2013 for his theory about the Higgs Boson.

Universe of Particles

We live in a Universe of particles but there must be something more to it than just particles? All particles are made up of electrons and photons but there is a secret, the Higgs Boson which gives all particles mass. A particle is about a thousand times smaller than a grain of sand so just imagine how many particles this world is made up of. If we break particles down and find out how to make them into materials, we could build anything, yes anything from gold to silver to mud and so many other things.

Medical Applications

Some research from the sensors that record data from the LHC has been put into trying to make tiny receptors so that the blind may be able to see one day. The people at ATLAS (one of the experiment sites,) are also creating some augmented reality machines which would cut down on human error in operations as well as time and infection. Hadron therapy has also been created and it is proving to be better than X-Rays in destroying tumours and sparing healthy surrounding tissue.

A tour of CERN

If you ever get the chance to go to CERN, make sure that you book a tour as it is completely free and it is very helpful. You will see 2 videos and the first accelerator at CERN along with the ATLAS control room. You cannot see these without a tour and they will give you a greater view of perspective which is very much needed in an operation this size.

Our spokesman Ollie Swift said that "the guided tour was very easy to understand with lots of interesting vid... The un-guided section is impressive with the interactive displays, scale models and lots of videos but having a tour helps you understand lots more.



The first control room

Ollie has been to Switzerland on his travels. Whilst he was there he visited the CERN and sent us this article on what he found out.

Watoto Come To Henlow



Watoto



On Wednesday 6th February, Henlow Church of England Academy were privileged to have a children's choir from Uganda with them for the day. The choir is made up of orphans and vulnerable children, and the current choir is touring Europe until June. Watoto Children's Choirs have travelled extensively since 1994, sharing a message of hope for Africa's orphans and widows and raising funds to support their work through donations, sponsorship and sales. This is the third year that the choir has visited the school.

During the morning, children from the choir had a tour of the school, joined in some lessons and played with Henlow pupils at break times. In the afternoon they gave a short concert to pupils, and then performed a longer free concert to members of the wider community in the evening. Hannah B, 10, said, "I really enjoyed all their dance moves and songs and, when I went home, I insisted to my mum that we had to come back for the evening concert!"



Emily, whose family hosted one of the groups from the choir overnight, said, "They were really friendly and bouncy. We enjoyed a movie together after the concert and they loved our dogs!"

Staff and pupils at Henlow Academy look forward to welcoming the choir back on their next tour.





Competition Gym



On Sunday 3rd February the Henlow C.E. Academy competition gym team took part in the Eastern Regional School Sports Acrobatic Competition. Our gymnasts did an absolutely incredible job, bringing home a collection of medals. We are extremely proud of all our competitors.

The results were:

Under 11's Girls Pairs

1st place - Bella R & Piper L

Joint 2nd place - Ellie H & Neve B/Caitlin C & Bethan M

4th place - Ruby S & Sammy W

Under 11's Mixed Pairs

3rd place - Oscar W & Shaina R

Under 11's Group 6

1st - Bella R, Piper L, Neve B, Caitlin C & Bethan M

Under 11's Girls Tumbling

Bella R & Caitlin C are currently waiting for the final result.

Those who were placed 1st go through to the British School Acrobatics National Finals in Stoke on Trent.



Our Values - Nurture & Love

Our Visit to Oak Manor Care Home, Shefford

By Eilis, Evie, Mae, Grace, Natalie and Daisy



Last month we raised £485.00 for this local care home thanks to the help of our school community. This money will go towards a sensory garden which will benefit all the residents.

On Friday 18th January, Mrs White and Mr Lee took us to the home so that we could present the cheque.

When we arrived, we were greeted by a member of staff who took us to have a look around the home. We visited upstairs and saw the lovely cinema room, which has huge big windows overlooking Shefford town. We also went to the lounge and dining room. The home has nice bright colours and seems more like a hotel than a care home.



We were then taken downstairs and shown the garden. The garden is quite big and wraps around the home. The staff have lots of plans to create a relaxing environment for their residents and it made us think about our school prayer garden which has also been made into a place which provides a calm, peaceful area to sit in.



We were then led back to the reception area where there is a lovely cafe. The staff had arranged for many of the residents to be seated in this because there was an afternoon's entertainment planned. Before this started, we presented the cheque to the residents and the home's manager.

All the residents gave us a huge round of applause which made us feel really proud of what we have done for one of our local care homes. We were then asked to join in the entertainment, and the vocalist got us to sing!



We had a really enjoyable time visiting, the home has a great atmosphere and everyone seemed very happy.



School Action Group



Before Christmas, the School Action Group held their annual Christmas Bake Off. They had some incredible entries and it was very hard deciding on the winners. The winners were:



Year 5 winners Izzy M 5EC & Olivia B



Year 6 winner - Ellie H 6AW



Biscuit winner - Oscar H 5NS

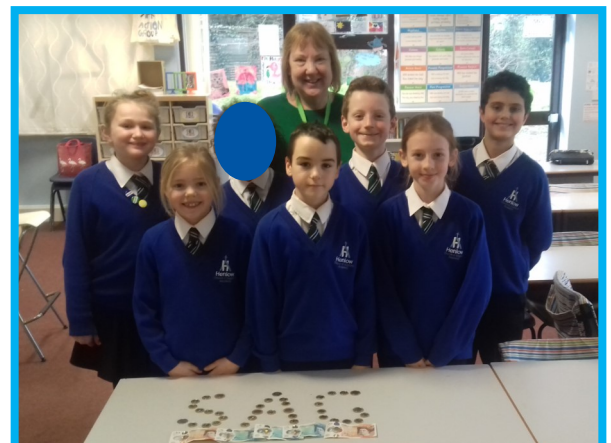


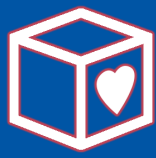
Year 7 winner - Issy B, Poppy S & Francesca B



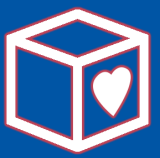
Small cakes winner - Tilly-Marie P 5EC

The cakes were then sold at break time and raised an amazing £75. The School Action Group then decided that they would like to donate that money to the SEND department to help with their current project. Mrs Jones was thrilled with the donation and the SEND department is going to be using the money to buy a 'buddy bench' for outside the SEND classrooms.





The Red Box Project



We are launching a community project within the school to support pupils during their period. The Red Box Project is a community project set up to tackle period poverty and provide the necessary products to any young person who needs them. It exists entirely through donations made by the public and various companies.

Posters have been displayed in all of the girls cubicles throughout the school and each year group will be advised of this scheme via an assembly.

If you would like to donate, we have a collection box in the front of the office.

More information can be found here:

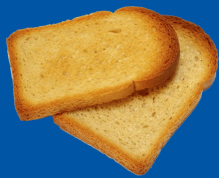
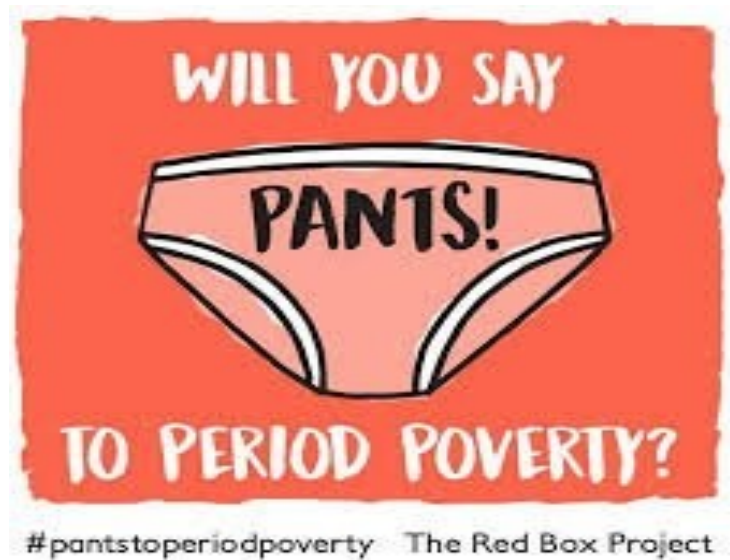
Web: redboxproject.org

Facebook: facebook.com/theredboxprojectuk

Instagram: [@theredboxprojectuk](https://www.instagram.com/theredboxprojectuk)

Twitter: [@redboxproject](https://twitter.com/redboxproject)

Email: redboxprojectuk@gmail.com



Breakfast Club



Please be aware that Breakfast Club runs from 8:00am until 8:30am.

Staff are not available to supervise children before 8:00am and therefore children are not authorised to be on site before this due to safeguarding and health & safety.

If you are interested in your child attending Breakfast Club, the cost is £2 per day.



Dinner Money



Please can all parents and carers check their child/ren's Squid accounts and ensure they are in credit. We will no longer be able to provide snacks at break time to anyone who is overdrawn.

sQuid

Equipment Reminder

All pupils at Henlow are expected to have the correct equipment with them for all lessons. Increasingly pupils are coming to school without even the basic equipment to be able to complete work. Please can you ensure that your child(ren) have the following equipment with them every day.

- * Pencil case containing:
- * Cartridge pen, handwriting pen or a friction pen (blue)
- * 30cm ruler (not Superflex or folding)
- * HB pencil and a spare
- * 2 slim dry wipe board marker pens and a wiper/cloth
- * Coloured pencils (not felt tips)
- * Ink eraser pen (if using a cartridge pen)
- * Green pen (friction pen preferred)
- * Rubber
- * Pencil sharpener (which can collect shavings)
- * Glue Stick
- * Scissors
- * Highlighters, 1 pink and 1 green
- * Simple calculator
- * Protractor (kept in original protective packet)
- * Named water bottled

If you are experiencing any difficulties in providing your child(ren) with equipment for school, please contact their form tutor in the first instance.

We have a school stationery shop, which is open every day at break time, where pupils can buy any equipment that they need. The price list is:

Berol handwriting pen	40p	Pencil	20p
Calculator	£6.50	Protractor	20p
Cartridges	30p	Rubber	10p
Compass	80p	Coloured rubber	20p
Highlighter	40p	30cm ruler	30p
Large pencil case	£1.20	15cm ruler	20p
Double pencil sharpener	50p	Whiteboard pen	30p
Single pencil sharpener	25p	Frixon Pen	£2.30
Fountain pen	80p	A4 wallet	40p
Whiteboard erasers	40p	Colour pencils	90p



Can You Help Us?



From time to time we need the help of volunteers to ensure we have an appropriate number of adults to run trips. We also need many extra helpers for SATs exams for pupils who need support to enable them to complete their work. If you have an hour or two to spare a week, do get in touch with us, we always appreciate helpers.

Trades People Needed!



Are you or someone you know in the building trade or good at D.I.Y?

Then we need your help!

You may remember that we ran a 'Buy a Brick' fundraiser to celebrate our new sports hall. Now that everyone has had plenty of time to settle in, we need some help to get the bricks up as soon as possible.

If you have the appropriate set of skills to help us with this, please email kevans@henlowacademy.org.uk or call 01462 813733 and ask for Karen Evans.



Help Us To Help You



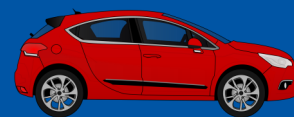
Please treat our staff with respect.

We are doing our best to help you and
your child(ren).

Swearing, abusive language, threats and
physical violence against our staff will not be
tolerated.



Parking



Just a polite reminder, parents/carers should not be entering the school car park at drop off and pick up times due to the health and safety of all. The site can become very congested with buses and taxis and ultimately can result in transport delays. Below is a map of alternative drop off and pick up areas which are available to you. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Park 'n' Walk!

We have 4 parking areas within close proximity.

Millennium Park - 5 mins

20+ spaces
Residential area

The Five Bells - 5 mins

20+ spaces
Private busy

Boydfield Carpark - 2 mins

40+ spaces
Scout hut

Henlow Pavilion - 5 mins

40+ spaces
Public & Residential Area

*Please park considerately.
Thank you*



Admissions Policy



Our 2020 Admissions Policy can be found on our website. There has been no change made from the 2019 Admissions Policy.

http://www.henlowacademy.co.uk/documents/policies/admission/Admission_Policy_2020.pdf



School Dinners



The Lunchtime Company put on special menu days throughout the year. The next two menus coming up are:

PANCAKE DAY

TUESDAY 5 MARCH 2019

MENU

- BBQ chicken with potato wedges
- Quorn and vegetable BBQ wrap with potato wedges (V)
- Pancakes served with lemon, honey and chocolate sauce

LUNCHTIME CO

HAPPY EASTER

Thursday 4 April 2019

menu

- Roast chicken & stuffing
- Vegetable sausage roll (V)
- Roast Potatoes
- Baton Carrots
- Sauté Spring Greens
- Easter Chocolate Cake
- Sliced Fresh Fruit

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✗ Cancelled Clubs ✗

Please be aware that if a club/fixture is cancelled on the day it is meant to occur, we will send a message home via Parent mail. Your child will be sent to the homework club after school which finishes at 4:45pm unless you contact the school requesting alternative arrangements which you would like them to do. We are unable to ring all parents individually and ask what their preference is for their child.

Reminder: Year 8 Parents

Year 8 parents should have received an email regarding permissions for future GCSE results to be shared with Henlow CE Academy. The form can be filled in online. If you haven't received this request, please email kevans@henlowacademy.org.uk

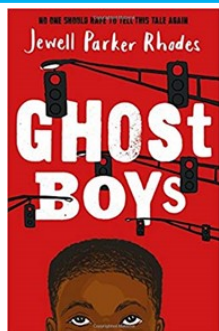


Library News



Year 5 'Creative' club

Rebecca, Danilca and Daphne in 5KB have started this club and would like to invite other Year 5's to join them to discuss hobbies, crafts, books and films. The club is held in the library on Monday lunchtimes.



A group of our Year 7 girls have started a new book club 'hooked on books'. The club is held on Thursday lunchtimes in the library and is exclusively for Years 7 & 8. The group are reading 'Ghost Boys' by Jewell Parker Rhodes.

Well done Sophie, Haylee, Aimee and Chloe for getting this club started.

Donations

We would like to thank parents and carers who have donated books to our school library. We are always very grateful for good quality **books** and **magazines** to add to our school resources.

Overdue Library books

We would be grateful if parents/carers could encourage their children to return library books on time. We have an ongoing problem of resources not being returned thus resulting in many overdue reminders being sent out to form tutors and then parents/carers. This is very time consuming and in addition, pupils are often disappointed as many of the overdue books are often 'requested'. Thank you.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS/DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 8th March: Dress up as a book character. Pupils and staff are invited to dress up as a book character. (World Book Day is Thursday 7th March but due to practice SATS, we are celebrating this event today.

For costumes ideas, please click on the following link <https://www.worldbookday.com/>

Friday 8th March: Reading café: pupils, parents/carers are invited to the library between 12.40-1.30pm.

A variety of activities will be held in the library. Refreshments will be available to all our visitors.

A reminder and invitation will be sent out nearer the time.

11th March – 17th March: Sponsored read: whole school reading initiative. Details to follow soon including competitions in association with Usborne Books.

Golden Tickets. Pupils 'caught reading' in school during book week will be given a GOLDEN TICKET. A prize draw will take place in the library on Friday 15th March.

Autumn Roll Of Honour

París M

Selected to be Under 16's England Rounders captain.

Caitlín C

Selected to join the Herts Level 4 gymnastics county team, coming 1st at the eastern region competition.

Tjay H & Tilly-Marie P

Raised money for charity by having sponsored hair cuts.

Evie H

Winner of the Henlow C.E. Academy Christmas card competition.

Mason P

First person to reach their writing target.

Rhianna B

Most writing targets achieved.

Tilly M

Designed artwork which was used on the Henlow village Remembrance banners.

Year 5 Boys Rugby Team

Won the district rugby tournament.

Elleana B

For exceptional kindness and maturity in an emergency situation.

Izzy B, Cara N, Bobby P, Kai M, Luca H & Adam F

For helping at the Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert.

Ruth B

Only Year 6 in Christmas Drama Production.

Isabelle B

Playing a cello solo in the Christmas concert.

Freddy D & Alfie R

Playing a baritone duet in the Christmas Concert.

Chamber Choir

Performing in Southwark Cathedral at the Barnardo's Christmas Concert.

✔ Could Your Child Be Eligible? ✔



Ministry
of Defence



Directorate Children & Young People

2019 Service Pupil Premium

Extra Funding for State Schools, Free Schools and Academies attended by Service Children in England

Service parents with children in State maintained schools, Free schools and Academies in England are encouraged to ensure that the Head Teacher of their child(ren)'s school is made aware of their Service status ahead of the Spring school census deadline of 17 January 2019.

The Service Pupil Premium is provided by the Department for Education, to State maintained schools, Free schools and Academies in England who have children of Regular Armed Forces personnel among their pupil population to provide additional (mainly pastoral) support. Pupils with a parent on full commitment as part of the full-time Reserve Service (FC FTRS) are also classed as Service children.

Service Pupil Premium is currently £300.00 per Service pupil and is paid directly to schools.

Schools with Service children in Reception to Year 11 classes are eligible to receive the funding, but only if the child(ren)'s name appears on the school's roll as being a Service child.

The information recorded by schools regarding Service status is protected and data regarding individual children is not shared outside the school.

For more information on eligibility, please visit:

www.gov.uk/service-premium-information-for-schools

For general queries, please email the Directorate Children and Young People:

DCYP-DCYP-Mailbox@mod.gov.uk



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SEND Support



CBC SEND Parent and Young Person Partnership Service



**Central
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- Classroom Support
- SEND Support Plans
- Behaviour issues
- Education Health & Care Plans
- Annual Reviews
- Exclusions

How we help:

- Telephone helpline
- Leaflets and information
- Website and downloadable resources
- Help with forms, letters, EHCP
- Information on local support groups
- Home visits and support at school meetings

Spring Term Dates 2019

Dunstable South Children's Centre (Wednesdays 10-11.30am)

9th January, 13th March

Leighton Buzzard Children's Centre (Fridays 10-11.30am)

11th January, 1st February, 1st March

Shefford District Children's Centre (Wednesdays 9.30-11am)

23rd January, 27th February, 27th March

Sandy Children's Centre (Thursdays 9.30-11am)

10th January, 7th February, 7th March

No appointment necessary. If you cannot get to a session and need to talk to us, please contact us:



0300 300 8088



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100% Attendance Matters

Our Attendance Team

Attendance Officer: Kelly Jando

Education Welfare Officer: Caroline Northover

Useful Numbers

School Office: 01462 813733

App - MyEd

School Arrival

8:40am Warning Bell

8:45- 9:00am Registration

9:00 –9:15am Late mark will be issued

9:15am onwards Unauthorised absence



FAQ

Q. My child has a tummy bug and isn't well enough for school. What do I need to do?

A. Call the school office on 01462 813733 before 9:00am to let us know. Children should not return to school after a sickness bug for 48 hours after their last episode of sickness/diarrhoea.

Q. I need to take my child to the dentist next week, do I need to let school know?

A. Yes please! Please inform the school office. Where possible please try to make appointments outside school hours/during school holidays. If that is not possible please make them for the start or end of the school day.

Q. I sometimes struggle to get all of my 3 children to school before the school gates close, being 5-10 minutes late doesn't really make that much difference does it?

A. It is important for all children to be in school on time as it can be upsetting for the child and disruptive for the rest of the class when children are late. Children who are late need to arrive via the school office and will get a late mark.

Did you know?

- ☹ 97% attendance means your child will have missed 6 days of school throughout the year.
- ☹ 90% attendance means that your child will have been absent for the equivalent of one half day every week.
- ☹ This also means that your child will have missed the equivalent of 4 whole weeks throughout the school year!
- ☹ If you take a two week holiday during term time your child's attendance will automatically be reduced to less than 95%.
- ☹ A two week holiday each year in school means a total of 14 weeks teaching time missed. This is the equivalent of a whole term and can have a real impact on your child's literacy and numeracy skills.
- ☹ If your child does not attend school regularly and you fail to work with the school and The Education Welfare Service you may be fined up to £2500 and in extreme cases sent to prison.

Things to remember:

- ☒ Keeping children away from school is a criminal offence.
- ☒ If you do not let us know why your child is not in school their absence will be marked as unauthorised.
- ☒ Looking after other children, going shopping, waiting in are not valid reasons to keep your child off school and will be marked as unauthorised absences.
- ☒ Some parents believe that their child is automatically entitled to up to 10 days out of school a year. **THIS IS NOT TRUE!** Parents can request to take children out of school during term time by writing to the Attendance Officer. However, holidays are only granted in exceptional circumstances. Holidays taken without permission will be recorded as unauthorised and the Education Welfare Officer informed.



Dates To Remember



Date	Event
Thursday 21st February	Year 6 Maths / PE day
Tuesday 26th February	Anthony Glen performances: Year 7 Macbeth Year 8 A Midsummer night's dream
Friday 1st March	World book day
Wk beg 4th March	Year 6 mock SATS practice week
Thursday 14th March	Planetarium experience
Friday 15th March	Year 7 and 8 careers day
Friday 15th March	Comic Relief
Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st March	Year 6 and 7 parents' evening



General Reminders



- Please ensure all money sent in to school is in a sealed envelope and has your child's name, class, what the money is for and the amount of money on the front.
- Please make sure that all your child's clothes and property is clearly named. If your child has lost any items please make sure they check lost property ASAP.
- **The school office are unable to call home if your child forgets something they need that day at school.** Please ensure your child checks their timetable and brings all they need each day.
- **ALL** children are required to bring in a named water bottle daily. The school do not have cups to provide to children who do not bring a water bottle and the canteen no longer sells bottles of drinks. Bottles can be purchased from the school shop.