



Issue 1 - October 2019

Henlow Heart

Dear Parents

Welcome to the first edition of our new newsletter - Henlow Heart - the name chosen by our pupils. A new name but the same focus on pupils and the huge range of endeavours they are engaged in here in school, in the wider community and further afield. A particularly warm welcome is offered to families of pupils in year 5 who have now completed their first half term here at Henlow Academy!

As I reflect on this first half term it has certainly been busy! We were at the forefront nationally when Ofsted chose our school as one of the first schools to inspect using their new framework. A high number of pupils completed the online survey and were enthusiastic in their responses to inspectors. The report comments very positively on pupils' achievements academically in addition to the way in which our school community values pupils' wider development. Please read the full report and my letter which is now available on our website.

As I informed you last week, CBC will begin a consultation regarding the 22 schools across our area moving towards a primary/secondary model. Further details will be available after half term. Our planning permission for new science laboratories, a lift in our new block and SEND rooms is very exciting and the plans can also be viewed on our website. The refurbishment of the old gym is an aspect of the future that has certainly caught the imagination of our pupils - the transformation into a dining space is essential and the theatre will be amazing!

During the summer holiday Mrs Panton, after accompanying scouts on a trip abroad, decided to move to a role outside of education but still in the world of ICT. We paid tribute to her 17 years at our school in a whole school assembly but I know you will all want to add your best wishes too.

Four new members of teaching staff joined us in September, all of whom are familiar faces from their training- Mrs Gudgin, Ms Farrington, Miss Corcoran and Miss Smithen. New teaching assistants Mrs Morey, Mrs Green, Mrs Ryan have also joined us.

During the next half term all pupils will have the opportunity to take part in our Christmas concert and key stage 2 pupils will be rehearsing their play. House sports are taking place as I write and the quest to raise money for charities has already started. Thank you all for the contributions to the NEED project at Harvest time - the generosity can be seen in the pictures included here.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Caren Earp

Headteacher

HONESTY - ENTHUSIASM - NURTURE - LOVE - ORIGINALITY - WISDOM

Our New House & Sport Captains



Every year a selection of Year 8's are chosen to become House and Sport Captains. Sport Captains are chosen for their commitment to sports clubs and fixtures as well as displaying positive attitudes in PE during their time at Henlow. House Captains are chosen for being positive role models and showing dedication the school community.



House	House Captains	Sports Captains
Addington	Nathan R	Josh C Caitlin B
Gribble	Chloe B	Mason P Brenna P
Lennox - Boyd	Daniel B	Sean C Grace E
Raynsford	Sophie D	Danny S Sophie P
Tilley	Izzy M	Kristian H Charlotte B



Harvest Festival



On Friday 27th September we celebrated Harvest Festival. As always everyone was extremely generous with their donations and we were able to pass these on to The Need Project. The Need Project provides support to people living in Central Bedfordshire and surrounding areas who are suffering from hardship. They provide food packages to individuals and families who are experiencing food deprivation.



Mobile Phones

Mobile phones are now the norm and smartphone technology means that they are now, in effect, very powerful handheld computers. Built in digital cameras enable users to take high resolution pictures which can be sent instantly to other devices or posted online. There is a potential for these devices to be misused in schools. They can become an instrument of bullying or harassment.

While we fully acknowledge a parent's right to allow their child to bring a mobile phone to school if they walk to and from school without adult supervision, **Henlow Church of England Academy discourages pupils bringing mobile phones to school** due to the potential issues raised above.

If your child is bringing their mobile phone to school please read our full Mobile Phone Procedure on our website
www.henlowacademy.co.uk



Our Amazing Pupils



Nia O - 2nd Place At My First Championships

Six months ago, I got a new pony. After about three months of having him, we entered a show jumping competition. On the 23rd of July, I came 2nd and 4th. These two placements enabled me to qualify for Twin Trees Championships. The rules were if you came in the top four of your class you qualify for the Championships.

On September 28th, we attended the event. This part of the competition worked differently. If you jumped all 11 fences clear you were invited back for a jump-off. (A jump-off is where you jump 7 fences as fast as you can.) In our first class we jumped all 11 fences clear, I was very proud of Breeze. However, when we got to the jump-off we knocked fence 9 down so we got bumped down a few places into 6th which I am still proud of.

It was my final class of the day and once again we jumped clear in the first half of the competition. We entered the arena for the jump-off. The bell went and we flew over the first fence and Breeze continued to try his hardest until his back feet landed over last fence. The announcer said 34.04 seconds I knew that guaranteed me a spot in the top three. The final placements were announced and I didn't win but I got Reserve Champion! I couldn't be more proud.



Music Exams

Well done to the following pupils for passing their latest music exams.

Grade 3 Violin

Emilie C
Lucas F
Daniel B

Grade 1 Violin

Ewan B
Dominique S
Annabel M

Grade 3 Clarinet

Tilly-Marie P

Grade 1 Singing

Charlotte B
Izzy

Grade 2 Violin

Issy H



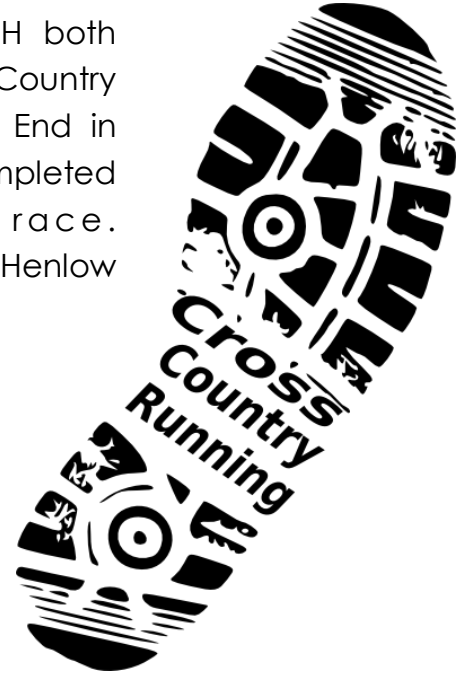
Our Amazing Pupils



Cross Country League



Amelie S and Lewis H both came 1st in the Cross Country League Race at Box End in Kempston. Both completed an incredible race. Well done to all the Henlow runners who raced.



Supporting Charities



Sienna B had her very long hair cut for charity. Her donated hair will be used to make a wig for a child who has lost their hair through illness.

The Travels Of Henry

Henlow

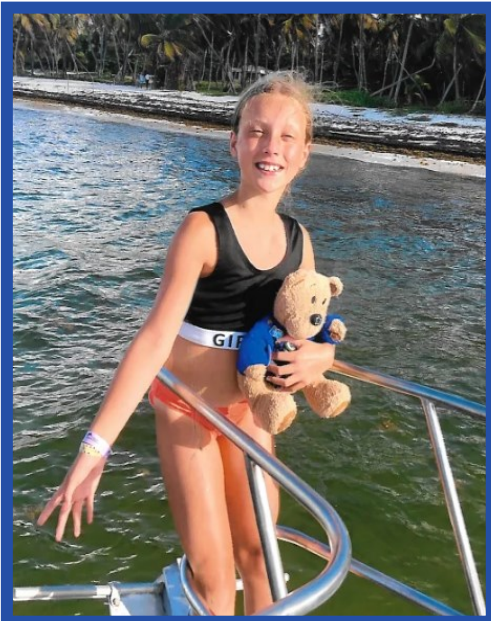


Henry Henlow's holiday- The Carribbean



Henry Henlow and I have had an amazing two weeks away in the Caribbean! These two photos show Henry and I on one of our trips we experienced. We got to see sharks, stingrays and fur seals. We were also lucky enough to swim with all of them, but Henry and I were quite nervous at the start but ended up having an opportunity of a life time! The two people in this photo were members of the crew on the boat that we went on. One of the other trips we went on was a catamaran/speedboat trip. Where we stopped off at a paradise island call Saona Island - this island was where part of the Pirates Of The Caribbean was filmed.

Ruby 6EC



Henry Henlow's holiday- Switzerland

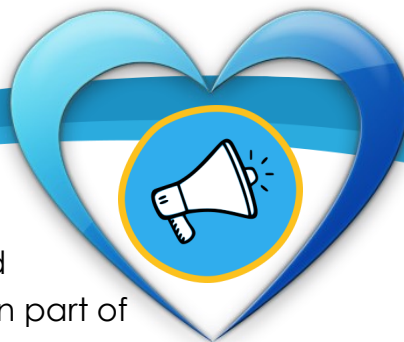


Henry and I went to Switzerland to visit my cousins who live there. On the day the photos were taken we climbed a mountain named Le Grammont that formed the Chablais Alps. The climb was very rocky and steep. The purpose of this climb was to find a lake named Lac De Taney. The lake was very cold because we were 7,126 feet up in the Chablais Alps which were 2,466m high in the air! But when you were in the valley it didn't feel that high up at all!

Lucy M 6RB



School Action Group



School Action Group have made a strong start to the year and regular numbers are swelling. This year they have already been part of the recruitment process to appoint a new Teaching Assistant. They conducted a number of interviews, having previously devised the questions, and then on the day feedback to Mrs Earp and the governors.

The school shop has been taken over by SAG and now has a rota of shop assistants serving every day. We are now in the process of auditing the current stock and exploring new stock lines. The shop mainly sells stationery and is not for profit - so all items are very good value.

School Action Group are also extremely proud and excited to announce that they have taken on responsibility for awareness days and fundraising in the school. School Action Group have decided to support the following:

National Fundraising Events

Children in Need 11th - 15th November 2019

Sport Relief 9th - 13th March 2020

Ongoing School Community

Young Carers Awareness Day 30th January 2020

Annual Bake Off Competition Monday 30th March 2020

Sale of competition cakes 31st March & 1st April 2020

Pride awareness month - June 2020

The Need Project - Ongoing

NEW

Charities Week

The week of 29th June - 3rd July will be an opportunity for our school community to raise money for a variety of charities by undertaking a variety of challenges and events. This will be an exciting week full of possibilities, watch out for more information after Christmas.

We hope this gives you a flavour of our intentions for the year and we look forward to providing more information for each event nearer to the time.

Membership of School Action Group

At Henlow we believe that the whole school community is a member of School Action Group for the whole time they are part of the Henlow journey. Meetings are every Thursday lunch time in Room 8 from 1.05pm. We understand completely if at certain times members have other commitments. Contributions to SAG are always welcome and can come in a number of forms: attending meetings, helping at events, making posters, talking to classmates, accessing the Google classroom. Miss Sharp & Mrs Westcar

Library News



Another busy day in the office! (Actually a very busy term!)

This term many classes have been using the library for English lessons and pupils have been enjoying reading and using the library resources. In addition, all year 5 classes have been in for an introduction to the library. The number of books issued has doubled compared to the same period last year. This shows that our pupils clearly love reading!

Follow up sessions will be organised for library skills and to show pupils how to use our online 'Reading Cloud' system. This gives pupils access to the library catalogue and pupils can log onto their own account where they can reserve books, write book reviews plus lots more!

This term we have been running the following clubs at lunchtime: Chess club, Warhammer and a book/drawing club.

All have been very popular and pupils have put forward some great ideas and suggestions for future clubs, watch this space!

National Poetry Day 3rd October. To celebrate, we held a poetry competition and many pupils entered and wrote some lovely imaginative poems. First prize was awarded to Jack G Year 6 and runner up Anwen J Year 7 .Congratulations to you both.



Our school library is always grateful for book donations and we can also welcome any good quality comics and magazines. Thank you to parents/carers who have already sent in books.

Most popular books/series borrowed this term: Diary of a Wimpy kid, Ultimate football heroes and Tom Gates



MFL Competition



MFL EUROPEAN LANGUAGES DAY COMPETITION

Bonjour ... Hola ... Ciao ...!

As you may be aware, we set a competition for all year groups at the beginning of the year. Although it was essentially a competition, we asked that everybody submit an entry, as we feel it is important for all pupils to give some thought to the issues addressed. As a reminder, here are the competition details.

Competition 1

The world is changing!

There are so many apps now available to help us communicate in another language easily. A lot of people think we don't need to bother to try to speak another language.

So why do you think it might be still important to learn to speak a bit or a lot of another language apart from our own? Links to careers??

You can present your opinions in any way you choose in a written form; illustrated; poster; cartoon; graffiti; message on a t-shirt ...? It is completely up to you. Be creative!

Competition 2

The world is an interesting place!

Different countries, different cultures, different languages.

Explore! Decide where you would like to go and why.

Present your conclusions in any way you choose in a written form; poster; cartoon; graffiti; itinerary with or without pictures; a collage of images with explanations alongside ...?

Update on entries

I have been so impressed with the quality of entries and most importantly the thought given to the responses to the two competitions. It has been an absolute pleasure reading through the entries and I am really pleased to say that our pupils seem to be embracing the idea of exploring and appreciating other countries and cultures and recognising in their own words, the importance of speaking a little or lot of another language.

Competition Results

I am in the process of judging all the entries and the results will be announced after the half term holiday.

Thank you again for such wonderful entries!

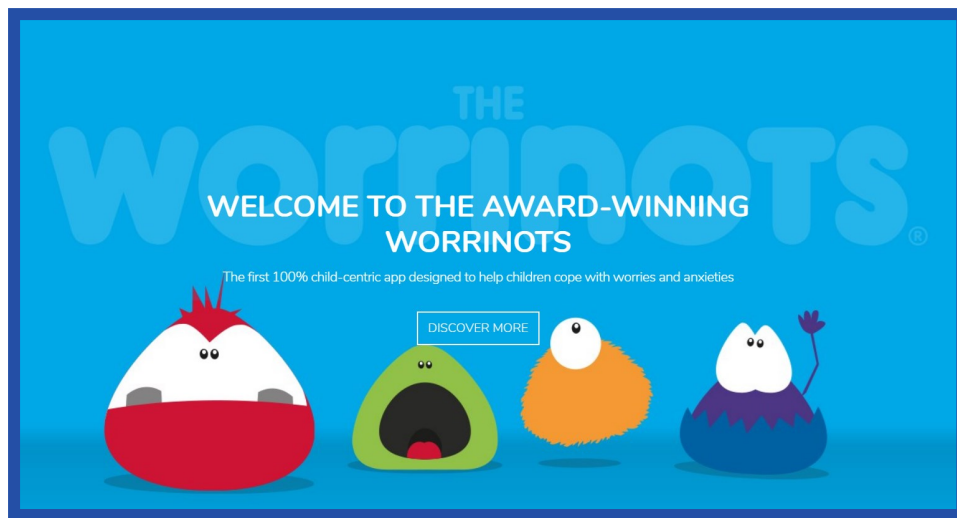
Mrs Preece

Head of Languages

Pastoral Support



The Worrinots is an App available on both android and iPhone to support 4 to 12 year olds suffering from anxiety. The primary aim of The Worrinots is to provide children with a platform that they can use to communicate their worries, fears and anxieties. The Worrinots application and characters have been developed with the help of some of the UK's leading child psychologists to encourage children to share their concerns and deal with them appropriately.



Bedfordshire CAMHS are now running the second programme of information sessions for parents around child and adolescent emotional wellbeing.

The sessions are open to all parents/carers with a Bedfordshire GP. Attendees do NOT need to be attending CAMHS

The sessions are for parents/carers and siblings over the age of 18, children and young people themselves CANNOT attend

They will be held at Kings House in Bedford which has lots of free parking

The sessions will provide information and advice about a range of topics, local services as well as strategies to help support and maintain positive emotional wellbeing in children and adolescents.

The upcoming events are:

Managing Emotions, Resilience, Self - Esteem & Risk-Taking Behaviours

Wednesday 13th November 2019 6 - 8:30pm

Low mood, Self-Harm & Suicide

Tuesday 10th December 2019 6 - 8:30pm

Navigating Life Whilst Looking After Yourself & Others

Thursday 30th January 2020 6 - 8:30pm

Tickets are free and bookable at www.eventbrite.co.uk

For more information please visit www.cambs.elft.nhs.uk



Protective Behaviours Workshop

Central Bedfordshire Council are running a workshop on Protective Behaviours and would welcome anyone who feels their child would benefit from attending.

Wednesday 23rd October 2019

Session for 9 – 13-year-old age group – 11.30am – 1.30pm

Venue: Arlesey Youth Centre, High St, Arlesey, SG15 6SN

This is a focussed session on protective behaviours and the key themes of being safe and who we can talk to, including.

- Helping children develop a positive sense of self and wellbeing
- Develop an awareness of personal safety
- Identify and express feelings
- Increase resilience, make choices to help problem solve

Please drop your child off for the workshop to start at 11.30am

Please confirm if you wish your child to attend one of the workshops by registering their attendance via the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/protective-behaviours-9-13-year-olds-tickets-76400607273>

There is a maximum of 15 children for these workshops, and we offer this on a first come first served basis. All children that are not able to attend these workshops will be invited to the next workshops in February 2020.

Pastoral Support



Central Bedfordshire Council—Triple P Group

Parenting programmes enable parents to build on what they already know and to do the best for their children. They do this by providing opportunities for parents to gain new knowledge, skills and confidence to support their children and strengthen relationships within the family. The programme supports parents to improve relationships with their children, set boundaries and develop effective responses to misbehaviour.

The programme is recognised by NICE (National Institute for Clinical Excellence) and is recommended within the local ADHD Care Pathway.

There will be a refreshment break during the session, please bring a snack or sandwich with you and we will provide hot and cold drinks.

Timings for parents to attend is 9 - 11am each week

Location – Gothic Mede Academy, High Street, Arlesey, SG15 6SL

Please come to the main reception area and you will be met by one of the group facilitators

4th November

Positive parenting

11th November

Helping children develop

18th November

Managing misbehaviour

25th November

Planning ahead

2nd December

Using positive parenting strategies - one-to-one's

9th December

Using positive parenting strategies – phone call

16th December

Programme close

Please confirm if you wish to attend the group by registering your attendance via the link below: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/triple-p-group-3-12-year-olds-tickets-75848130801>

Please note you will need to 'add' each member of the family who wishes to attend the programme.

There is a maximum of 12 spaces available for this group, and we offer this on a first come first served basis. All families that are not able to attend this course will be invited to the group in January 2020

Holiday Activities



These activities are available to all children. Please contact Julia Purton on 07866 778762 for more information



What's on

October Half Term

Ice Skating

Monday 21st October

Ages 8+

Meet at youth club at 1000-1500

Cost £10 please bring a packed lunch or money for the cafe

Evening session

Thursday 24th October

Ages 8+

Cooking, crafts and games

Cost £1

Fundraising event

Wednesday 23rd October

Ages 8+

Meet at the youth club at 1100-1600

We will be fundraising for a charity the young people have chosen

Cost £5 split between the youth club and the charity

Contact details:

Julia Purton 07866778762

Julia.purton@actionforchildren.org.uk



Working together to deliver quality services for young people of the RAF community

Wrap Around Care



At Henlow Academy we offer a range of wrap around care to help with childcare. If you would like anymore information about what we have on offer please contact Mrs Marshall on 01462 813733 or email jmarshall@henlowacademy.org.uk



Breakfast Club

8:00am - 8:30am

£3 per day

No booking required

Pay through ParentMail or pay by cash

Homework Club

3:35pm - 4:45pm

Free



4:45 Club

4:45

4:45pm - 5:45pm

£6 per day

No booking required

Pay through ParentMail or pay by cash

2020/2021 School Dates



Please find below the academic calendar for the school year 2020 - 2021 for your information.

Henlow CE Academy Academic Calendar 2020/2021

School Holiday



Bank Holiday



Pupil Day



Training Day



September 2020						
Mon		7	14	21	28	
Tue	1	8	15	22	29	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	
Thu	3	10	17	24		
Fri	4	11	18	25		
Sat	5	12	19	26		
Sun	6	13	20	27		

October 2020						
Mon		5	12	19	26	
Tue		6	13	20	27	
Wed		7	14	21	28	
Thu	1	8	15	22	29	
Fri	2	9	16	23	30	
Sat	3	10	17	24	31	
Sun	4	11	18	25		

November 2020						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tue		3	10	17	24	
Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thu		5	12	19	26	
Fri		6	13	20	27	
Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

December 2020						
Mon		7	14	21	28	
Tue	1	8	15	22	29	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	
Thu	3	10	17	24	31	
Fri	4	11	18	25		
Sat	5	12	19	26		
Sun	6	13	20	27		

January 2021						
Mon		4	11	18	25	
Tue		5	12	19	26	
Wed		6	13	20	27	
Thu		7	14	21	28	
Fri	1	8	15	22	29	
Sat	2	9	16	23	30	
Sun	3	10	17	24	31	

February 2021						
Mon	1	8	15	22		
Tue	2	9	16	23		
Wed	3	10	17	24		
Thu	4	11	18	25		
Fri	5	12	19	26		
Sat	6	13	20	27		
Sun	7	14	21	28		

March 2021						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	
Tue	2	9	16	23	30	
Wed	3	10	17	24	31	
Thu	4	11	18	25		
Fri	5	12	19	26		
Sat	6	13	20	27		
Sun	7	14	21	28		

April 2021						
Mon		5	12	19	26	
Tue		6	13	20	27	
Wed		7	14	21	28	
Thu	1	8	15	22	29	
Fri	2	9	16	23	30	
Sat	3	10	17	24		
Sun	4	11	18	25		

May 2021						
Mon		3	10	17	24	31
Tue		4	11	18	25	
Wed		5	12	19	26	
Thu		6	13	20	27	
Fri		7	14	21	28	
Sat	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	2	9	16	23	30	

June 2021						
Mon		7	14	21	28	
Tue	1	8	15	22	29	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	
Thu	3	10	17	24		
Fri	4	11	18	25		
Sat	5	12	19	26		
Sun	6	13	20	27		

July 2021						
Mon		5	12	19	26	
Tue		6	13	20	27	
Wed		7	14	21	28	
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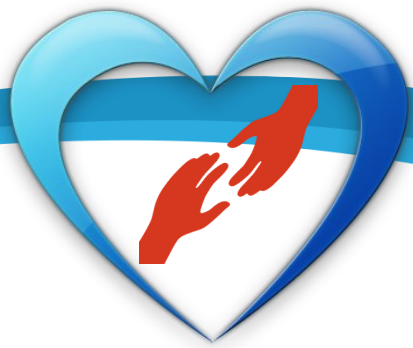
August 2021						
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Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thu		5	12	19	26	
Fri		6	13	20	27	
Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

Request For Absence

We are not able to authorise holidays during term time. Please complete a request form if you require for your child to be absent from school for any reasons, other than illness. Forms can be obtained from the school office or downloaded from our website.



Can You Help?



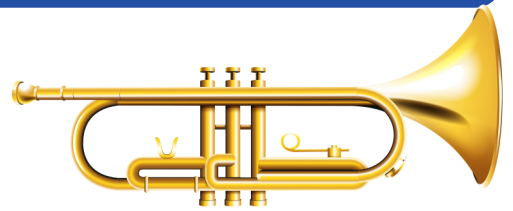
Origami Club



If anyone has any unwanted origami books or origami paper at home, perhaps an unwanted gift - then origami club would much appreciate it! Please send it into school FAO of Mrs Goward

Music Help Needed

Can you or do you know someone who would be able to play The Last Post & Rouse at our school Remembrance Service on Monday 11th November? Please contact the school office if you are able to help on 01462 813733



Consultation

We will be running a consultation from the 18th October 2019 until the 13th December 2019 about slightly extending our catchment area due to new housing being built in the area. Information regarding this can be found on our website. During the consultation you are able to express any views you have on it by writing to the school or emailing consultation@henlowacademy.org.uk

We Are Here To Help



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.

You will be asked to leave the premises and the police may be informed.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Attendance Matters!



Things to remember:

- ☒ You can be prosecuted if your child has unauthorised absences from school.
- ☒ 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 and waiting in for deliveries are not valid reasons to keep your child off school and will be marked as unauthorised absences.
- ☒ 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. Absences taken without permission will be recorded as unauthorised and a fine will be issued.

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.

Our Attendance Team

Attendance Officer: Kelly Jando

Education Welfare Officer: Caroline Northover

Useful Numbers

School Office: 01462 813733

App - Parentmail

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

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.
- ☹ 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.

General Reminders



Please ensure all money sent into 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 aren't always able 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.

If a club/fixture is cancelled on the day it is meant to occur, we will send a message home via ParentMail. Your child will be sent to the homework club after school which finishes at 4:45pm unless you contact the school providing 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.

Please can all parents and carers check their child/ren's ParentMail accounts and ensure they are in credit. We are not able to provide snacks at break time to anyone who is overdrawn.

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 £3 per day.

Coming Up Next

Half Term



Date	Event	Additional Information
Monday 4th - Thursday 7th November	Year 6 Mock SATs	
Thursday 7th November	School At Work Open Evening (All welcome)	Pupils who are being invited to help on the evening will receive letters home.
Monday 11th - Friday 15th November	Anti-Bullying Week	
Monday 11th November	Year 8 Remembrance Church Service	
Wednesday 13th November	Year 4 Parent Information Evening	Parents only
Friday 15th November	Children In Need	School Action Group will be sending out more information about our fundraising
Friday 29th November	Mufti Day for PTA Christmas Fair	Donations of chocolate for our Christmas Fair instead of £1

Coming Up Next

Half Term



Date	Event	Additional Information
Friday 29th November	Key Stage 2 Disco	
Tuesday 3rd December	Year 5 - Anthony Glen A Christmas Carol	
Friday 6th December	Key Stage 3 Disco	
Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th December	Key Stage 2 Drama Performance & Christmas Concert	
Friday 13th December	Year 5 Church Visit	
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Jumper Day	Just for fun!
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Dinner	