



Principal Informer

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Dear Parents/Carers

Over the last couple of weeks we have been sharing our behaviour expectations with the children. We have introduced our behaviour strategy. This mostly celebrates and rewards the positives. The vibe in school is positive with mutual respect for all apparent throughout. When children achieve great things this is acknowledged. School councillors have recently been elected and have decided to name the four Houses in school on the theme of rivers - Mississippi, Nile, Thames, Amazon. Soon children will be put into houses and will receive team points for their achievements. This will be celebrated in the celebration assembly each Friday. Also, children will be nominated to receive 'Principal's Award for Excellence' each week (and parents are invited) and 'Principals Award' which will involve a child from each year group having tea with me.

However, when behaviour falls short of our expectations then a YELLOW and RED STRIKE system has been introduced. We will put details of the behaviour strategy onto our website when it is launched in term 2.

Several visitors to the school have remarked on how smart and polite the children are as they see them in school. This is very pleasing and such comments need to be passed onto you!

We hope that as many of you as possible are able to join us for our first parent forum to take place on 16 October at 2 pm and 6 pm. The forum will last for an hour, refreshments will be served. This will be an opportunity for you to input into the vision that we have for our school as we move forward and to ask general questions about school life. Details below. As ever, thank you for your continued support.

Darren

Attendance

School attendance target for 2014/15:

96%

School attendance to date:

Number of days lost to unauthorised leave to date:

Parking

We have had a complaint from a resident in Sears House, the flats directly opposite the school on Stimpson Avenue, that some parents are parking in the car park reserved for residents. We have asked the resident to report the number plates of the cars belonging to parents to the school. We must be mindful of our neighbours. Please refrain from parking on such private property. Thank you.

Parent helpers

We would be delighted to have parents helping in school. We will be asking for volunteers in the next edition of PI.

First day response

If your child is absent, please telephone the school office by 8.30 to ensure that they are recorded as being absent accurately.

Training day

Please note that our next closure day is Monday 10 November. This is the fourth of five statutory days for teacher training. We will again be focussing on reading.

Uniform and nail varnish

The children continue to look smart in their uniform. Please ensure that your child does not wear nail varnish for school.

Parent Forum– 16 October 2014

Name _____

I/ we will be attending the parent forum at: (*Delete as appropriate*)

- 2 pm
- 6 pm

Please return slips to the office by Wednesday 15 October 2014