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Dear Parents,

This week's news

During the last fortnight we have received our second visit this year from the Attendance and Compliance Service and I thought it may be useful to alert you to the letters that you may receive during the course of the year. Good attendance underpins the progress children are able to make and the time they spend in primary schools are the important foundation years for future lifelong learning.

Our school attendance target is 97% which is high and in practical terms means that 3 % is 6 days absence over the school year. Despite a term where many children have been poorly, currently our attendance rate is 97.05%. I would like to thank you for your support in enabling us to sustain high levels of attendance.

Each child's attendance is monitored by the Department for Education through electronic collection of data weekly and through a census that takes place 3 times a year. The census generates a list of children who are deemed to be persistent absentees or are at risk of becoming persistent absentees. Currently the rate for persistent absentees is 85% and this is being raised to 90%. If your child's name appears on this list you will receive a letter from school. Whilst there are many reasons that a child may fall into this group, and the reasons may be known by the school, nevertheless you will receive an invitation to come and talk to me.

The school is now asked to monitor attendance half termly and to alert parents if their child's attendance is below 92% and are at risk of falling into the persistent absentee group. This will increase to 95% in September. At this point parents will receive a letter from me.

From time to time families apply for leave of absence in exceptional circumstances for a holiday. There are very few exceptional circumstances that are authorised for this purpose. Even where an absence is authorised parents will receive a letter where the consequences of absence are made very clear and the level of fines that could be imposed are shown. This is a model letter received from the Attendance and Compliance Service that the school is expected to use.

CAR PARK URGENT ALERT

Last night a number of parents had handbags and property stolen from their cars parked on the parent car park. Their cars were also damaged. Please do not leave handbags in view on car seats and be alert to any strangers that may be parked. Please alert us if you are concerned.

I would also suggest that younger siblings are not left in cars whilst you collect your children.

Staffing News

Welcome to Miss Amy Donegan who joins Oak Class as a PGCE teacher training placement student from the University of Warwick. Miss Donegan will be working alongside Mrs Batts in Oak Class until Easter.

Big Schools Bird Watch Week 24th January

Get your binoculars and bird spotting books ready for the return of this very popular, annual event. We will be collecting data in school and the children might also like to look out for our feathered friends in their gardens at home

Unwelcome visitors

We have an outbreak of head lice in Oak Class. We would appreciate it if you would check and treat your child's hair over the weekend if this is required.

Class Highlights of the Week:

Oak Class

This week in Oak we have been reading Chicken Licken and looking at different versions of the story. We have loved bird watching in our hides and recorded what we spotted. Bird feeders were made to take home to feed our feathered friends this winter. Carry on bird watching this weekend. Next week is 3D shape week. Bring in any interesting boxes you can find around your home.

Ash Class

Ash Class enjoyed reading a traditional Inuit tale-'The Polar Bear Son'. We've used drama to explore characters and are writing our own endings to this exciting story.

Years 1 and 2 have found out more about Inuit life and traditions, including how people survive the extreme arctic climate.

Dudley Class

Dudley have been enjoying making the most of displays in Literacy this week using VCOP to create and up-level sentences about 'Fantastic Mr Fox'.

Waller Class

We have been investigating the mysterious appearance of lily pads as part of our literacy, looking at reported speech and open questions on the way. Year 5 enjoyed their afternoon of netball, despite the cold, while our Year 4s found the maths challenges they were set, very demanding but exciting.

Wise Class

Wise Class have worked so hard this week plotting coordinates in maths- they have used negative numbers and even drawn lines using equations. In Literacy we are using a family members 'memory' to write a flashback narrative in the present tense- a hard skill but the children are doing brilliantly!

Sport

Netball afternoon

Many thanks to Mrs Natalie Clarke who provided a really enjoyable introduction to netball for Year 5. A group of children have received a letter to join the Year 6 netball club on Tuesdays after school to enable us to take part in the Kenilworth school's Year 5 netball tournament. I'm Sorry that we cannot invite more due to numbers at the club.

Netball Wednesday 28th January Home 3.45

We are starting our competitive games with a Green Leek experience. On Wednesday 28th January, Burton Green will visit All Saints' for an away game. Letters out this week. We would appreciate parents transporting please if possible.

Swimming:

On the first week back, Tuesday February 24th, we will be taking Year 6 and Dudley Year 4 children swimming in order to prepare for the Swimming Gala that takes place at the end of term. Dudley Class will begin swimming on Tuesday 3rd March and will then continue until the end of term.

Cross Country

The Harbury Relay takes place on Saturday 7th February. It is open to runners in Years 5 and 6.

Cricket Coaching

We have arranged for Kelly Eveson, previously from the Chance to Shine programme, to return to school to provide specialist cricket coaching to Waller and Dudley. This begins with Waller on Thursday 26th February,

Curriculum Evening.

Key Stage 1 Writing Evening 7.00 January 27th

Continuing to raise attainment and increase progress in writing is one of this year's learning improvement plan priorities. Learn more about our most recent developments in spelling, grammar and writing. Find out about how to support your child to develop this important communication skill.

Key Stage 2 SATs Evening 8.00 January 27th

To enable Year 6 parents to support their children effectively through end of Key Stage assessment.

Green Leek Working Together

'Amazing Maths'

Next week we will be inviting a small group of 'Amazing Mathematicians' from Year 5 to join with a small group from Burton Green. They will work with Miss Gaynor, at Burton Green, to explore and investigate challenging areas of the mathematics curriculum. We are aiming to recognise and nurture the varying talents of children within our schools by enabling them to work in slightly larger groups with children who share similar talents.

Help accessing Active Learn Primary resources at home

Across the school, we are using a new resource to support the teaching of maths, spelling, grammar, phonics and reading. The activities fully support the new curriculum and offer fun ways to help learn key objectives. As such, sometimes activities may be set on this platform for the children to complete at home.

We are aware that some families are having trouble accessing this resource so we have compiled a list of useful tips.

- Visit www.activelearnprimary.co.uk
- Your child's login will be the same as their mathematics login
- The school code is **gvdy**
- Underneath the login section it asks, 'Will it run on my computer?' with a link beneath to 'Run a quick test'. Clicking this link will enable a check to be completed to see that your computer has everything that it needs to run the resources. If not, then it will tell you what needs to be updated.
- Generally, the resource requires the most up to date version in Internet Explorer, Firefox, Google Chrome or Safari.
- Java and Flash player need to be up to date.
- Ensure that pop ups are allowed for this website, as the activities will open in a new window.
- Trying a different internet browser has also worked for some people.

If you have any problems accessing the resource then please speak to your child's class teacher.

All Saints' Extra

Mrs Garlick is available by email on garlick.a@welearn365.com or via the school telephone number: 01926 400498.

Kingswood Trip

I would like to remind you that the next Kingswood payment of £60 is due by 28th January.

Akany Avoko- Valentines Day Monday 2nd February

P.T.F.A: Making a difference!!

Our next steering group meeting is on February 3rd at 7.30pm.

Children's Disco 6th February

5.30-6.30 Oak and Ash Disco,

6.45-8.00 Key Stage 2

£3.00 per ticket to include refreshments.

'The Frozen Experience' 27th February 5.00

Are you a Frozen Fan? Dress up, sing a long, have your photo taken with a Frozen character. Accompanied pre-schoolers welcome.

Invitation from 'The Friends of Burton Green'

Please join us for:

Burns Night Bash (Adults) Saturday 7th February

7.00pm- 10.30 Burton Green Village Hall

Fun from north of the border comes to Burton Green. Join us for traditional music, Ceilidh dancing and a Burns Night traditional hot supper. Bar available. Dress is casual.

easyfundraising.org.uk. Please think about registering (we are listed as All Saints', Leek Wootton) and going through this site before shopping online. Amazon, M &S, Expedia, Trainline, etc are all listed.

It costs you nothing, is totally safe and an easy way to raise more money for our PTFA.

Site Health and Safety in bad weather

In the event of heavy snowfall or icy mornings we endeavour to grit paths from the pedestrian gate to the front entrances and from the car park to the KS2 entrances.

Please be aware that it will not be possible to grit the playground, access roads to the car parks or the parent car park by the time children arrive at school. In the event of snow, children should not use the playground when arriving at school. Please take extreme care when entering the school

Emergency Closures due to severe weather

If it is necessary for a school to close. We will alert the LA of school closures. So, in times of severe weather you can obtain additional information by:

- Visiting the website

<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures>

This will be continually updated with information as it is received from schools

All Saints' Church Services

Sunday January 25th

8.00am Matins

9.30am Holy Communion with Children's Groups

Dates:

Mon 26 Jan 6.00 Green Leek Performance and Standards at Burton Green

Tues 27 Jan 7.00 Curriculum Writing Evening
8.00 KS 2 SATs Evening Yr 6.

Wed 28 Jan 3.45 Netball v Burton Green home

Thurs 29 1.00 Amazing Maths Group
7.00 Green Leek Full Governing Body at Burton Green

Awards:

Truly Brilliant – Bella Thompson, Carys Warrener, Rosie Semple, Sophie King, Oscar Parker,

Alannah Hodgetts, Edward Collins, Daniel Bennett

Silver Plus – Emilia Sturzaker, Harriet Hodgson,

Macy Edser, Helena Tisdale, Jimmie Alsop,

Alex Davies, Emma Hall, Kyle Watkin, Naomi Darnton, Sophie Waters, Jonah Zuill

Handwriting Award Level 2 – Mia Deeming

Handwriting Award Level 1 – James Ward,

Alex Davies, Barry Edge, Will Collins

Rainbow Steps – Ilija Lasic, Maisie Manning, Ella Docherty, Lucy Pettifer

S Patterson, Head Teacher



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| January 26 th | Governors Performance and Standards |
| January 27 th | Curriculum Evening: 7.00 Key Stage 1 Writing Developments, 8.00 Year 6 SATs evening. |
| January 29 th | Green Leek Amazing Maths Group Year 5 |
| January 29 th | Green Leek Full Governing Body meeting at Burton Green |
| February 3 rd | 7.30 P.T.F.A Steering Group |
| February 4 th | 9.20 Open Assembly Karen and her Puppets |
| February 6 th | Children's Disco: 5.30-6.30 Oak and Ash Disco, 6.45-8.00 Key Stage 2 |
| February 7 th | 9.45- Y5 and Y6 - Cross Country Relay - Harbury Friends of Burton Green 7.00 Burns Night Bash The Village Hall in Burton Green |
| February 9 th | Internet Safety Week |
| February 10 th | 3.40- 7.00 Parents Evening |
| February 11 th | 9.20 Children's Society Box Opening 1.30-3.30 - Y6 - Netball Tournament - St. Nicholas' Primary School 5.00-8.00 Parents Evening |
| February 12 th | Chinese New Year Day Oak and Ash classes. |
| February 13 th | Break up for Half Term |
| February 23 rd | Return to school. |
| February 24 th | Year 6 and Dudley Year 4 swimming- 1 week only 7.00 Governor's All Saints' Resources Sub-Committee |
| February 25 th | 9.20 Open Assembly Jim Perryman 1.30 Year 5 Netball Tournament |
| February 26 th | 1.15 Specialist Cricket Coaching begins for Waller Class |
| February 27 th | 5.00 'The Frozen Experience' Pre-schoolers welcome but must be accompanied by an adult. |
| March 3 rd | Dudley Class start swimming. |
| March 5 th | UFA World Book Day |
| March 7 th | 9.45 Cross Country Newbold Comyn Years 5 & 6 |
| March 11 th | 9.20 Open Assembly Tom Millington Kenilworth Youth for Christ Year 6 Green Leek visit to Jaguar Land Rover Centre- Control Technology all day 1.30 Reception visit to The Herbert Art Gallery Toys Workshop 7.00 Green Leek Governors Resources Committee at Burton Green |
| March 13 th | 2.30 Mother's Day Assembly |
| March 17 th | 7.00 Governor Training at All Saints'. |
| March 18 th | 9.20 Open Assembly Moira Dickson |
| March 25 th | 9.20 Easter Assembly in All Saints' Church dramatized by Years 3 and 4 7.00 Green Leek Full Governing Body at Burton Green 1.30 - KDPSA Swimming Gala - Abbey Fields 1.45 Easter Eggstravaganza. All welcome to join us from 1.30pm |
| March 27 th | Break-up for Easter Holiday |
| April 13 th | Return to School |

Please ensure you check weekly newsletters for any changes that may occur during the term.

