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NEWSLETTER 9

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School's Attendance

92.0%

Target

96.4%

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another exciting and busy two weeks back at school. It has been wonderful to see the children happy to be back and engaged in their learning. Today Oak class (Year 6) were able to showcase all of their fabulous learning in their assembly.

It has also been lovely to speak to parents on the gate in the mornings. Again, I would like to thank you for your warm welcome back and well-wishes.

A matter of priority for us as a school is attendance. As you will see above, 92% is far below where we should be (100%) and even below our school target of 96.4%. Yesterday, we had 26 children off school. This means that 15% of our school children were away from school and their learning. We can all agree that this is not acceptable and needs to improve. Please can I direct you to the guidance below.

With best wishes for the weekend,

Mr Hilliam
Headteacher

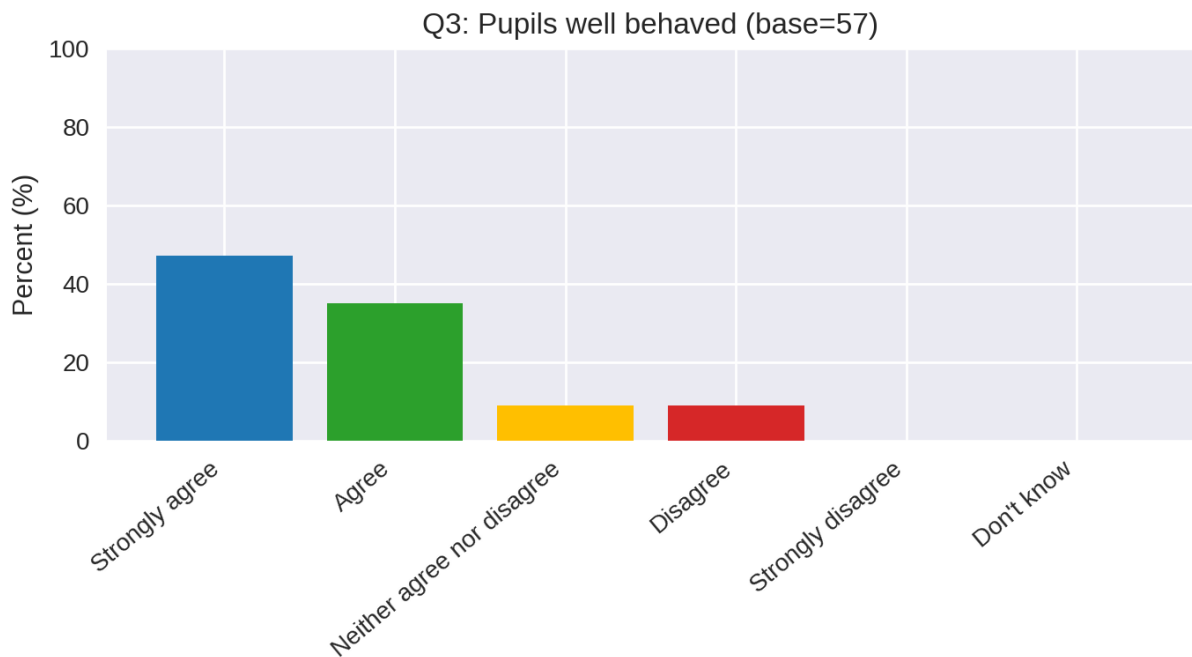
Home Visits

attendance
MATTERS

School welfare checks, or "safe and well" checks, are home visits by school staff or local authority (LA) social care teams to assess a child's well-being when there are concerns, often triggered by unexplained absences, lack of contact or signs of distress. These visits aim to understand the child's home situation, identify neglect or abuse and offer families support services. They often bridge the gap between the school and home life. Please do not be offended if we visit your house to check on your child. We, like every other school, have a duty of care for the children on our roll.

Parents and carers can support the school by ensuring that their child(ren) attend school every day it is open, arriving promptly and on time. It is the legal responsibility of each parent or carer to make sure their child receives an education through consistent school attendance. If your child is unwell, please notify the school by email or telephone as early as possible, and no later than 9:20am on the day of absence, providing the reason for their inability to attend. Please note that simply sending an email or leaving a phone message does not authorise the absence.

Here is the response you gave Ofsted via Parent View for question 3. Based on 57 responses, 82% of parents or carers reported that they feel the pupils are well behaved in school (agree and strongly agree).



Last week, we launched a competition where the pupils are being asked to design characters that represent our three school rules of Safe, Ready and Respectful. Once all entries are in, the school council will be given the challenge of selecting the winning entry that will be used and displayed around the school as a way of reminding pupils of our school rules. Work on what these rules mean and how they look, from a child's perspective, will follow at a later date.

Term 3 - 50 Word Writing Competition



Using the picture, children should write a 50-word story, information sheet or poem.

Please give completed entries to your class teacher.

Closing date: end of term 3

Dates for your diary

Friday	13 th	February	INSET Day 4 – School closed
Thursday	2 nd	April	INSET Day 5 – School closed
Tuesday	27 th	January	Year 5 Pedestrian Training (online session)
Wednesday	28 th	January	Year 5 Pedestrian Training (practical session)
Friday	23 rd	January	Year 6 class assembly
Thursday	29 th	January	Mathstermind 2
Friday	30 th	January	Year 4 class mass, 2:30pm
Monday	2 nd	February	Travelling Book Fair (for 1 week)
Friday	6 th	February	Year 5 class assembly
Tuesday	10 th	February	Parents' Evening (3:40pm to 7:00pm)
Thursday	12 th	February	Parents' Evening (3:40pm to 6:30pm)
Friday	13 th	February	Term 3 ends: INSET Day 4
February Half-term			
Monday	23 rd	February	Term 4 starts
Wednesday	25 th	February	Maths Themed Day 2
Friday	6 th	March	Year 4 class assembly
Wednesday	18 th	March	Year 2 class liturgy, 2:30pm
Friday	27 th	March	Year 3 class assembly
Thursday	2 nd	April	Term 4 ends INSET Day 5
Easter Holidays			
Monday	20 th	April	Term 5 starts
Friday	24 th	April	Year 2 class assembly
Friday	15 th	May	Year 1 class assembly
Friday	22 nd	May	Term 5 ends
May Half-term			
Monday	1 st	June	Term 6 starts
Wednesday	10 th	June	Maths Themed Day 3
Friday	12 th	June	Reception class assembly
Tuesday	21 st	July	Term 6 ends