



Weekly update

This week in school we have started the lunchtime lounge. Children can choose to attend the lunchtime lounge and play games, colour, build with Lego or use sensory toys. It's been very popular so far.

We had a visit from Derbyshire Fire and Rescue yesterday so that they could talk to the children about keeping safe near water, particularly as we move into Autumn/Winter.

Thank you if you attended the year 6 information morning - we are running an afterschool session for this too. There are also a few more events such as this taking place over the next few weeks for Reception and KS1 parents (see the diary dates at the bottom).

Although it feels like a long way off, we've put dates in the diary for Christmas events such as the Christmas Fair, craft afternoons and performances. More information about these will be shared at a later date.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please pop in, Dojo or ring the office.

Thanks, Mr. Gotheridge.




Attendance

If you need any support with your child's attendance, please contact Mrs Barber (Family Liaison Officer) or Mr Gotheridge.

Whole school attendance this week: 96.18%

Class with the best attendance this week - Bumblebees 99.5% - well done!

What attendance percentages look like over the course of a year:

| Attendance | What is your attendance? | | |
|---|--------------------------|--------------|------------------|
|  | 100% | 0 days off | Perfect! |
| | 98% | 4 days off | Very impressive |
| | 96% | 7 days off | Good |
|  | 95% | 9 days off | Almost there |
| | 94% | 11 days off | Needs to improve |
|  | 90% | 1 month off | Concerns |
| | 80% | 2 months off | Serious concerns |



TT Rock Stars and Numbots

Class with the most active players on TTRS: Badgers

Class with the most active players on NumBots: Hedgehogs

5 - 10 minutes a day makes a huge difference - logins are on the inside of the reading diary.



Online safety



Gaming

Consider games' age ratings

Games, just like films, have age ratings. These show the age that young people need to be in order to legally buy a game in the UK.

Check who your child is chatting with

Many games have a chat feature which allows gamers to communicate with other players. On some games this is an open chat box where comments can be typed. Many games also allow you to chat verbally via a wearable headset.

Discuss how to report or block unkind messages

Online bullying can happen in games as well as on messaging apps. It could be through unkind comments or messages, or by targeting other players within in a game. Most games have reporting and blocking features which can be used to support a young person who is being bullied online.

If you are worried about anything to do with online safety, please feel free to contact school or pop into the office.

Diary dates

- Umbrella coffee morning - Tuesday 7th October (all welcome straight after drop off)
- Reception parents' meeting for phonics: Monday 6th October (9:15am for 30 minutes)
- Year 1 and Year 2 parents' meeting for phonics and reading: Monday 29th September (9:15am for 30 minutes)
- Year 6 parents' meeting for supporting your child in year 6/transition to secondary: Thursday 2nd October (4:15pm for 30 minutes)
- Flu Vaccinations: Wednesday 5th November
- Christmas Fair - Friday 5th December from 3pm
- Christmas Craft afternoons - Reception classes: Monday 15th December - KS1 classes: Thursday 11th December - KS2 classes: Friday 12th December (all in the pm - exact times to be shared at a later date)
- Cinema trip - KS2 classes - Monday 15th December - KS1 classes - Tuesday 16th December
- Christmas performance/songs - KS1 Tuesday 9th December from 9:30am and Wednesday 10th December 2:15pm - Reception - Monday 8th December 2:30pm