



Weekly update

It's been a great week in school. We've had some lovely performances and singing from Reception and KS1 classes and it was lovely to have you in for this.

It was nice to see so many of you at the craft afternoons - thank you for coming. There were lots of lovely crafts made and the children seemed to have a really nice time. We're looking forward to Reception craft afternoon next week too.

Next week we've got the cinema trips, parties and the reindeer dash taking place - any extra information needed about these things will be posted on Dojo.

Sadly, Mr Staniforth will be leaving us at Easter as he's retiring. He's been the site manager at the school for as long as I've been here and we're all really going to miss him. He's looked after the school and kept it in great condition, and we know he won't be easy to replace him. We've advertised the job on the Derbyshire County Council website if you know of anyone that might be interested.

Hope you have a lovely weekend.

Thanks, Mr Gotheridge.




Attendance

Whole school attendance this week: 95.70 %

Overall attendance so far this year: 95.65%

Class with the best attendance this week: Eagles 98.36%

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



Class with the most active players on TT Rock Stars: Otters
- well done!

Class with the most active players on Numbots: Hedgehogs
- well done!

5-10 minutes practise a day at home makes a real difference.



Online safety



Checking children's phones

We've been made aware of several issues over WhatsApp this week.

We'd encourage parents to regularly check their child's phones and consider whether certain apps are appropriate for their children.

We've also known of a few children using devices really late at night and know that this can disrupt sleep and generally makes the following day difficult for them. We'd encourage parents to make bedrooms device free for children to prevent them using these late on.

Diary dates

- Monday 15th, Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th December - Christmas Jumpers with non-uniform
- Monday 15th December - Christmas Craft afternoon - Reception classes:
- Monday 15th December Cinema trip - KS2 classes (apart from Otters)
- Tuesday 16th December Cinema trip - KS1 classes and Otters
- Tuesday 16th December - Christmas Disco KS1 4:00 - 5:00 KS2 5:15-6:15
- Tuesday 16th December - EYFS (including Reception) Christmas party - KS1 and KS2
- Wednesday 17th December - Christmas party KS1 and KS2
- Wednesday 17th December - Last day
- Wednesday 17th December - Reindeer Dash
- Monday 5th January - First day back after Christmas holidays