



20th January 2025

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We have had a fantastic start to the new term and the children have demonstrated some super attitudes to their learning. I have visited all the classes and seen excellent phonics learning and determination from our younger children to really focus on their sounds and tricky words.

Children in Key Stage 2 are showing great commitment to their maths work, working hard to solve problems and use their reasoning skills to explain their methods and answers. I am sure that their positive attitudes and work ethic will continue to develop throughout the term.

I held my first Meet and greet session during the first week back and it was great to meet parents and interesting to listen to some of the questions raised. As the term progresses I would like to gather feedback regarding homework and behaviours in school. This information will be sourced through a parent questionnaire and I would value your input so we can work in partnership to best support your children to have a high quality primary education, as well as to teach them life skills for learning and collaboration.

Over the past two weeks we have had some icy mornings and I would like to thank Angus for keeping our school grounds safe and also thank you to our parents/carers for making sure the children are sensible on the playground before and after school. At this time of year, the weather can be cold and unpredictable so please make sure your child has their coat, scarf and gloves in school so they can wrap up warm when out at play getting some fresh air.

Attendance is key to ensuring a child can reach their targets and although holidays in term time may be cheaper we ask that you do not take this option. Any leave of absence needs to be approved by myself, in line with the policy and if parents take a child on leave in term time without permission they risk being issued with a penalty notice fine for unauthorised absences. I am only able to authorise leave of absence in exceptional circumstances.

We understand that it is unavoidable when doctors and hospital appointments are offered within the school day, however, there are increasing numbers of children who are in and out of school for eye tests, the dentist and other appointments, which causes disruption to the children's learning. Please could you keep this in mind and where possible, arrange appointments outside of the school day or in half term holidays so that classes and lessons are settled.... We really appreciate you bearing this in mind.

If you have any questions or comments, then please contact Mrs Butterfield who will forward messages to me and I will be in touch.

Yours Faithfully

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