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Attendance Update

For period 22nd Feb – 11th Mar

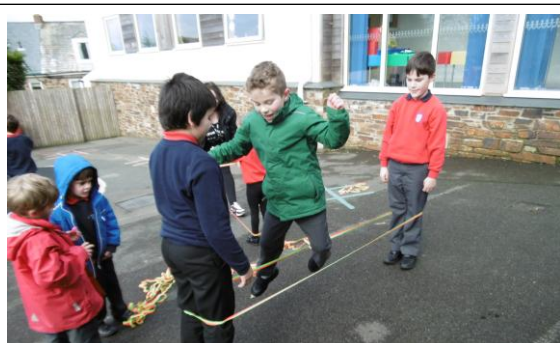
Whole school attendance: 96.2%

Class with best attendance: **Year 6 = 98.1%**

Class with lowest attendance: **Year 3 = 94.1%**

THANK YOU Friends of School!

Our children have been enjoying new and exciting play opportunities at lunch time since we returned to school after the half term break. From the Skipping Zone to the Traditional Games Zone and Craze of the Week, there have been many new games for children from all year groups to try. In addition to the investment we as a school have made in training for our lunchtime team, FOS have been extremely generous in funding the new play resources including zone areas and signs. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank the FOS for all their hard work in raising funds throughout the year. The children are really enjoying spending the money and huge improvements in lunchtimes can be seen by all!



"The new lunchtimes are great, I get to do different things like basketball and swingball"

Ryder, Year 3

"We get to choose what we want to do. I like the quiet zone, we do colouring, cutting, sticking and reading" **Ellarose, Year 2**

"I like the new lunchtime, there's more to do and I get to play with my sister" **Keira, Year 5**

Craze of the Week

Next week's Craze of the Week is 'Chasing Games' which will be on the MUGA. Join Mr Johnson to learn how to play lots of new and exciting games such as 'Cat and Mouse', 'Stuck in the Mud' and 'Catcher'!

Children's University

We are passionate about raising aspirations and inspiring ambition in our children. Encouraging your child to be part of the Children's University is a great way of helping us achieve this.

For every hour a child spends at a club, they can have their passport stamped by their club leader on behalf of the Children's University. Over the course of a year, these hours build up and are accredited in the form of a prestigious Children's University Certificate which is presented at a very special graduation ceremony which parents, club leaders and headteachers are invited to attend also.

Does your child attend a Beaver, Cubs, Rainbow or Brownie group? Perhaps they have dance or drama classes or play in the local football or rugby team. If so, and your child would like to become part of the Children's University, please let Mrs McGovern know and we will buy them a passport in which they can begin collecting stamps.

For more information about the Children's University, please follow this link: <http://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/>

Friends of School - (FOS)

Urgently needed.... some new members to join the team! Without your help FOS may not continue.

It would be a huge loss to our school and your child(ren) if the FOS stopped operating due to lack of members. **Every** pupil benefits, not only from the essential extra resources bought by FOS fundraising but also the many varied social events organised.

All parents/Guardians are invited to our Coffee & Cake afternoon **Friday 15th April** between 2.30 - 4.30pm. *Please* come along - if there is any way you can help FOS, no matter how small, it would be greatly appreciated. Everyone attending will be entered into a prize draw also!

Football club

This will start again from Monday 14th March and will be on offer for Year 3,4,5 & 6. Mrs McNulty will be sending a letter home very soon for children to 'sign up'. Year 6 will be welcome to join the club from Monday 21st due to the Lion King performance on the 14th.

Parents' Evening

It was wonderful to meet with so many parents at parent-teacher meetings this week. If you were unable to make your appointment, please contact the school office to rearrange a suitable time for you and your child's class teacher. Thank you.

Dates for your diary:

Last day of half term: Fri 12th February 2016 at 3.15pm

Half Term: Monday 15th to Friday 19th February

Last day of Spring Term: Thurs 24th March at **2pm**

Summer Term: Monday 11th April

May Bank Holiday: Monday 2nd May, school closed.

Mass Dates: In School at **2.40pm** – all welcome!

Weds 9th March - Lent

Weds 16th March – Penitential (pupils only)

Sun 6th March – Children's Mass in **Church** for Mothering Sunday

Roseland - Year 3 Residential 7th/8th March

A reminder that the children need to be in school for 8:00am so that we can be ready for an 8:15am departure. Don't forget that the children will need a disposable packed lunch for our first day. We will arrive back at school at 3:30pm on Tuesday.

We look forward to a fun-filled couple of days at the Roseland Centre!

Topic Liturgy

Tuesday 15th March at 10.30am in School – Lent, led by Year 3, all parents welcome.

Water! If your child brings a packed lunch to school, please ensure that they have a drink in their lunchbox. Thank you.

After School Clubs

All clubs will continue again next week (7th March). The new KS1 clubs will also be starting next week.

Science - Yrs 1 & 2 with Mrs Baker

Sports - Yrs 1 & 2 with Mrs McNulty

Gardening - Yrs 1 & 2 with Mrs Horsley

Paper Craft - Yrs 1 & 2 with Mrs Rosinska

Optional Year 6 top-up sessions will continue to take place after school on Tuesdays. Please contact Mrs Drzymala for further information.

Lent

During Lent St Mary's Church is open from 7 - 8.30pm for confession and quiet prayer with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.



Special Headteacher's Mention awarded to Alisha Boyce for demonstrating our 'Craze of the Week' so confidently in assembly - Well done Alisha!