



<p>Attendance for the whole school for last week was 94.9% If your child is too poorly to attend please let us know on the first day of absence on 0115 9155725 Green is good! – Let’s make sure all our classes this academic year are in the green and hit our target of 95.2% or above</p>					
Sea Horses 97.6		Dolphins 90.9%		Foxes 98.4%	
Badgers 97.8%		Hares 93.1%			
Flamingos 92.2%		Toucans 98.4%		Parrots 98.2%	
Lions 98.7%		Tigers 90.2%		Jaguars 94.4%	
<p>Congratulations to the Lions class who achieved 98.7% attendance and have won £9.87 for their class money bank!</p>					

Happy Holidays: I just wanted to say a huge thank you to all our parents and carers for your fantastic support over the last term. As a parent myself I appreciate how challenging it has been when classes are required to self-isolate, especially when siblings have still been required to attend school. Throughout all these challenges, myself and the rest of the staff have really felt supported and trusted by our families to do the right thing for the pupils.

I hope you all have an enjoyable break over Christmas and look forward to seeing you all again in (hopefully a much more normal) 2021

Mr Hicks



Last Day of the Term - Friday 18th December: We will return back to school on Monday 4th January 21.

<p><u>Drop off and collection times from January:</u> From the first day back in January we will be adjusting our drop off and collection times to allow for a prompter start and end to the school day, thus allowing for more learning time for our pupils. Due to the fantastic support from parents and carers with our current arrangements we feel we will still be able to get the children in and out of school safely. Parents/carers will still drop off and collect from the same places but instead of a ten-minute window for drop offs and collections, we will be allowing only five minutes.</p>		
<p>Drop Off - Monday to Friday</p> <p>Surnames ending A-M 8:40am-8:45am Surnames ending N-Z 8:45am-8:50am</p>	<p>Collection - Monday to Thursday</p> <p>Surnames A-M – 3:20pm - 3:25pm Surnames N-Z – 3:25pm – 3:30pm</p>	<p>Collection – Fridays</p> <p>Surnames A-M – 12:50pm-12:55pm Surnames N-Z – 12:55pm – 1:00pm</p>



Friday Afternoon Rainbow Club Signup: Please use this link to sign up your child/children to Rainbow Club on **Friday 8th January 2021:** <http://bit.ly/3p1ipMR>
 This club is only open to single parent/carer working families or families where both parent/carers work on a Friday afternoon. Evidence will be required if it has not already been given. **This form must be completed every week by 2pm on Thursday afternoon if a place is required.** **Please note that from January we will no longer be offering the 2:00pm collection slot for children in Rainbow club. This is to avoid disruptions to activities in the afternoon.**

Key Stage 1 Behavior Policy: To help keep you informed about children’s behavior, both positive and negative, we are making some changes to the Behaviour Policy in Key Stage 1 that have already been successfully trialed at Kersall Drive. The main difference is that we will be using different coloured slips to let you know when your child has done something you should know about. The table below explains the different colours (we would love to have used gold paper but the budget didn’t quite stretch that far so we have had to go with yellow!)





Slip Colour	Reason for the Slip
Gold (yellow paper)	an always child who has gone above and beyond.
Green	for a child who has turned their behaviour around and had a good day.
Orange	for a child who has missed 5 minutes or all of their break due to unacceptable behaviour.
Red	for any further unacceptable behaviour after missing 5 minutes of a break or a whole break.

We will trial these changes for the Spring Term and then review their impact.

For further information about the behavior policy, please take a look at our parent guide <https://bit.ly/3rb52ve>

Online Age Restrictions

With the Christmas break coming up, it is likely that children will be spending more time online. We thought it would be a good time to remind parents about the age restrictions on certain apps and games. The age restrictions are given for a reason. This is either because the content isn’t appropriate for children, or that children would lack the maturity to use the app or game sensibly.

			
Instagram	WhatsApp	Fortnite	TikTok
Min Age: 13 Years old	Min Age: 16 Years Old	Min Age: 12 Years Old	Min Age: 13 Years Old

Net Aware

If you are ever unsure if your child is old enough to use an app or game, Net Aware (from NSPCC) is a great website to check: <https://www.net-aware.org.uk>

Home Learning through Microsoft Teams: A huge thank you to all the parents/carers who have helped their children login to Microsoft Teams. Our initial aim is to use Teams to support classes that are required to self-isolate and the initial response from some of our Year 5 & 6 children has been fantastic.



By introducing children to the platform now, we hope that should we find ourselves in the unfortunate position where pupils are required to self-isolate, they will be able to hit the ground running.

In case you missed it, here is a link to our acceptable use policy for children when using Teams <https://bit.ly/3nKofBJ>

Absence: We are now at the start of cold and flu season which always affects school attendance – if your child has cold or flu symptoms and are still well enough to attend school then they should do. Our office staff are not medically trained so will signpost you to the NHS for advice. **If your child has a persistent cough or other Covid-19 symptoms then please ring 111.**

Self-Isolation Guidance: A reminder to all parents/carers that should anyone in your house have Covid-19 symptoms or have received a positive test result, **all members of the household should self-isolate for 14 days and not attend school.** Please let school know if anyone in your household is self-isolating.

CHECK IF YOU OR YOUR CHILD HAS CORONAVIRUS SYMPTOMS

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), get a test as soon as possible. Stay at home until you get the result.

MAIN SYMPTOMS

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

1. Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.
2. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test.

Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get your result.

Any child who is sent home from school exhibiting one or more of these symptoms should seek to get a test as soon as possible. The rest of the bubble can remain at school until notification is received of a positive Covid-19 test result. Thank you for your co-operation.