

Welcome to this week's newsletter. We have some important updates to share with you this week, including information about attendance and our upcoming parents' evenings.

Week 5 Attendance Update

Our overall school attendance for last week was **93.9%**. We've noticed that attendance has dropped, and we wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of good attendance for your child's learning and development.

Why Good Attendance Matters

Every day your child misses school is a day of learning lost. Regular attendance is crucial for your child's academic progress and their future success. When children miss school, they can fall behind in their learning, miss important social interactions with their peers, and find it harder to catch up when they return.

Is Your Child Too Ill for School?

We would like to remind all parents of the NHS guidance 'Is my child too ill for school?' which can help you decide when your child should stay at home. For most seasonal illnesses, such as coughs and colds, children should still attend school. If you're unsure whether your child is well enough to attend, please refer to this guidance or contact the school office for advice.

Punctuality

We want to remind all parents and carers about the importance of ensuring your child arrives at school on time each day. Good punctuality is essential for your child's learning and wellbeing and helps establish positive habits that will benefit them throughout their life. When children arrive late to school, they:

- Miss important learning at the start of the day
- Can feel embarrassed arriving after their classmates
- Disrupt the learning of others already in the classroom
- Miss out on key instructions and information
- Develop poor habits that can affect them in later life

The school gates open at 8.30am and close at 8.40am. Registration begins promptly at 8.40am.

Your Child's Attendance Information

You will receive information regarding your child's individual attendance before the end of term. This will help you understand how your child's attendance compares and identify any areas where we can work together to improve it.

Class Attendance - Well Done!

Special congratulations to Ash Class for achieving the highest overall attendance of **97.7%**! ★

- **Ash (EYFS): 97.7%** ★
- **Elm (Y1/2): 95.2%**
- **Sycamore (Y3/4): 94.7%**
- **Oak (Y5/6): 90.3%**

House Points Update – Week 4

- **Cavendish: 100**
- **Hardwick: 98**
- **Arkwright: 60**
- **Allwood: 101** ★

Congratulations to **Allwood**, you earned the most points last week and get to cut the tuck shop queue on Friday!

Overall House Points Leaderboard

- **Hardwick: 344**
- **Allwood: 291**
- **Arkwright: 203**
- **Cavendish: 359** ★

Well done, Cavendish – you are in the lead overall!

Parents' Evening

We are pleased to invite you to our upcoming parents' evenings, which will take place on:

- **Tuesday 4th November** from 3.30pm to 5.30pm
- **Thursday 6th November** from 3.30pm to 5.30pm

Clipboards will be available on the playground from Monday 20th October for you to sign up for a parents' evening slot.

If you are unable to attend either of these dates, please speak to your child's class teacher to arrange an alternative appointment. Appointments are limited to 10 minutes to allow all parents the opportunity to meet with teachers. This is a valuable opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher, celebrate their achievements, and talk about any areas where they may need additional support.

Upcoming dates

Tuesday 14th October at 9 am - Phonics Workshop for Year 1 Parents. This will be held in the Y1/2 classroom.

Thursday 16th October at 9 am - Phonics Workshop for Reception Parents. This will be held in the school hall.

Monday 20th October onwards - Parents' Evening Sign-Up Opens

Tuesday 21st October - Harvest Service at St James' Church

Wednesday 22nd October - Birdman Visit

Thursday 23rd October - Halloween Disco

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Thank you for your continued support in helping us provide the best possible education for your children.