

Library Visits

One of our school priorities is to support children to develop a love and enjoyment of books and reading, and to become a great reader. To support this, children will be visiting the library in Staveley on Friday mornings each half term. We will let you know when your child's class will be visiting.

The children will leave school at 9.00am, walk down to the library and spend some time in the library looking at and selecting books to bring back to school. The librarian will share some information about the library and read a story to the children. We are always grateful for anyone who can walk to the library with us. If you are available any Friday to walk with us please let your child's class teacher or the office know.

Headlice

We have had a number of reports of headlice in school. Please check your child's hair regularly. The advice from the school nurse is that it needs to be part of a health routine just like cleaning your teeth.

Term dates 2018 - 19

School Opens

Tuesday 4th September
Tuesday 6th November
Monday 7th January 2019
Monday 25th February
Monday 29th April
Monday 3rd June

School Closes

Friday 26th October
Friday 21st December
Thursday 14th February
Friday 12th April
Friday 24th May
Friday 19th July

School will also be closed on Monday 6th May 2019 for May Day and Friday 21st June 2019 for an INSET day.

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Welcome back

Welcome back, it is lovely to see the children settling back in to school.

If you have changed your address or emergency contact details, please call in to the office to let them know. It is important that we have up to date contact details and at least two phone numbers in case there is an emergency.

Please make sure names are on all your child's clothing including coats and PE kit. Make sure your child brings their book bags to school every day.

If you would like your newsletter emailed please call and let the office know.

Gold Award

Gold award assembly is held to celebrate achievements of children during the week. Two children from each class are chosen for something that they have been especially noted for doing during the week.

We invite Parents/Carers, whose children are receiving the award, to attend the special assembly. It takes place every Friday afternoon at 2.45pm. Parents/Carers will be notified that their child is receiving an award by text on Thursday. Children who receive an award can go home with their Parents / Carers after the assembly.

Mobile Phones in School

We are requesting that Parents / Carers do not use their mobile phones while in the school building. As part of our safeguarding procedures mobile phones are not used in the school. Please do not use your mobile phone in the school building. Exceptions will be made in Gold Award assembly when your phone may be used to take a photo of your own child.

Dates for your diary

Friday 5th October - Family reading morning - any family member can stay at 9.00am - 9.15am to read with children.

Tuesday 9th October - Individual photographs - more details sent soon.

Wednesday 10th October - Year 2 to Chatsworth - your child will have brought a letter home about this trip.

Monday 5th November - INSET day - School closed for children.

Tuesday 4th December - Christmas Fair.

Tuesday 18th December - Christmas Craft morning.

Harvest dates for school and Christmas performance dates will be available soon.

Reading Challenge

For the last couple of years we have run a reading challenge in school. We found it was very successful and the children really enjoyed it. We will be starting a new reading challenge this year. When your child reads to you at home please sign their reading record. When they have 30 stickers for reading at home they will receive a prize and their name and photo will be on a display in the entrance hall. At the end of the school year, next July, each child will receive a raffle ticket for each completed reading challenge and will be entered in to a prize draw for a big prize.

Attendance

Our target for attendance at school is at least 96%. We understand that this can be hard especially with young children. To encourage good attendance in school we have the attendance tree in the entrance hall with the photos of all the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 around it. If children are absent from school they will be taken off the tree on the Friday of the week they were absent. Our school attendance bear, Arty, is also presented to the class with the best attendance each week.

At the end of term children with 100% attendance will get an attendance certificate.

Nursery children that are here all week will get an attendance sticker on Friday morning.

Late Arrivals

School doors open at 8.45am and close at 8.55am. The register is then taken and the children can start their work.

Lateness can disrupt the learning of others and can result in a child feeling greater stress and achieving poorer outcomes.

We understand there are occasional times when children are late for a genuine reason and we are quite understanding of this.

A child who is five minutes late every day loses the equivalent of 3.4 school days a year.

If your child arrives after the door is closed, office staff will take your child to their class and will sign them into the late arrivals book in the office.