

St Bartholomew's C of E Primary

24th May 2024

Dear Parents / Carers / Guardians

We can and we do achieve great things in our school. The level of our success for the future I believe is dependent on the strength of teamwork and the clarity of our Christian vision. Luckily, we have an incredible staff, governing body, PTFA and parent community that continually work as a team to support our vision and give our children the best possibilities and opportunities that they can. Thank you for your continued drive, determination, and hard work. Thank you to everyone who has supported us through our SIAMS inspection whether that was coming in for meetings, sharing information or simply offering a good luck on the gate. You are all very much appreciated.

Through many enriching activities, we have continued to raise aspirations and awareness of just what our world has to offer. It is so important to us that our children see and find their

place in the communities that they serve and dare to follow their dreams. Ancient Greece, Ancient Egypt, Bees, Boys that turn into Dolphins, Islam, Christianity, Buddhism, trips and workshops, have all enriched our curriculum and given our children some wonderful learning opportunities whilst creating lasting memories and enabling them to see the disciples of change that they can be.

Thank you again for your support this term. Seven weeks to go!

I hope that you have a wonderful half-term that enables you to rest, have fun and spend time with loved ones.

Take care, Miss Ingle



Governors: It has been another busy few months for the governors, with several meetings as well as trying to be created with a poor budget for the next 12 months. This always seems like such a short term, with Easter only just behind us. We are lucky to be welcoming a new governor to the team this month, Mr Ollie Willetts. We look forward to seeing him at the meetings over the next few months. This next year is definitely a challenging one, with poor funding we have had to make the difficult decision to reduce down to three classes to try and stay financially viable. We were lucky enough to meet with a few parents to discuss the changes. Hopefully this will be a temporary measure until better funding returns maybe with a change of government. As the summer draws ever closer, and for some those last few weeks at St Bartholomew's, I really hope you will all enjoy the last couple of months of your primary education and all the leavers activities that are planned. I am lucky enough again this year to join the residential trip away in Derbyshire.

If you have any concerns you would like to raise or are interested in becoming a governor please contact the governors via Gary Peatling – the clerk to governors (enquiries@stbartholomews.lincs.sch.uk). On behalf of the whole governing body, I would like to wish you a fantastic May break and look forward to seeing you all in the summer term.

Best wishes, Phil Callow - Chair of Governors.

Uniform: We only keep a few items of uniform at school, therefore please order any uniform required for September, via ParentMail, by Friday 21st June. Any orders received after this date may not be available before Friday 19th July 2024.

Attendance Winner of the Week:

Palm Class are the attendance winners of the week and as a reward will take Gerald to the park w/c 2nd June 2024!

House Point Champions—Term 5:

Falcons (Blue) are the house point champions for term 5 and have earned a non-uniform day on **Tuesday 11th June 2024**.



Term 6 Breakfast Club: Bookings for attending our Breakfast club can be made via ParentMail.

Term 6 After School Clubs: The following clubs take place during term 6 and can be booked via ParentMail; they are free and run by staff/parents. Childcare is also available in school every day from 3.15pm until 5pm. You are able to book sessions from 3.15pm to 4pm, 3.15pm to 5pm, or 4pm to 5pm if your child is attending a free club first. The clubs on offer must be booked even if they are free. Available clubs are:

Monday—Yr 5 & 6 Netball (Miss Cox)

Thursday—Rounders Yr 3, 4, 5, 6 (Miss Cox)

Please be aware that if parents/carers/guardians are more than 10 minutes late collecting from after school clubs at 4pm there will be a charge of a full hour, per child, childcare cost. We have a school mobile for afterschool care. The number is: **07396725986.** It will be turned off during the school day. It will only be available for parents who have children attending afterschool care during afterschool care hours. For all other queries, please contact the school office.

Elite Sports Tournaments: We have had a burst of Kwik Cricket Tournaments during this term and our children have worked so incredibly hard learning new skills, showing excellent teamwork and resilience. Every child has been a fabulous ambassador for our school. Thank you to our Governors and Parents for supporting us at these events with transport.

Netball: A huge congratulations to our Netball Team who continued to make significant progress in their final league matches this term. The team have worked tirelessly with Miss Cox and Mrs Barnard on shooting and defensive practice and have simply gone from strength to strength this term. We cannot wait to see the heights they reach next academic year. Once again, we must say the biggest thank you to Mrs Barnard for coaching the team alongside Miss Cox, her abundance of knowledge, enthusiasm and motivation is second to none!

Football: Girls Football Team have trained with such determination for our ESA Coaches. They have rallied together on the football pitch during our league matches and must be praised for their resilience, determination and commitment. We would like to congratulate them for their defensive skills and goal scoring but most importantly their team spirit and sportsmanship. We are a small but might little school here at St Bart's and this team epitomises that in all that they do. Congratulations girls, we are all so incredibly proud of you.

Outdoor PE Timetable for Term 6:

Monday: Oak Tuesday: Palm Wednesday: Apple Friday: Willow

SWIMMING PE Timetable for Term 6:

Monday: Apple Tuesday: Willow Thursday: Oak Friday: Palm

Reading Rocks Club: It's been another busy term for

Reading Rocks. Apple & Palm were invited this term and we were blown away with how many came! Our librarians were very busy reading and delivering different reading related activities. Thank you to all that came along to join in with the reading fun! Next term Reading Rocks will be outside. We love the last term, sitting in the sun (hopefully) sharing books with everyone across the school. Don't forget to join me and your Librarians at 12:30 every Friday on the school field. There will be bunting....you won't miss us!



The weekend book bag has been on a lot of adventures this term. Apple classes 'Bartholomew's Bear' even went swimming and watched the Spalding Flower parade! He is one very lucky Bear! Thank you for taking him on a lovely adventure Elliott.

Thank you to everyone for sharing the most wonderful photos with us. Oak & Willow class don't forget to email photos to the office please.







Please keep an eye out for the shine shop that is opening soon. Mrs Szydlowski's Mum and Step Mum have been very busy making mini Bartholomew Bears for you to buy. They are available for 100 shines. When Miss Ingle asked some children what they would like to see in the shop he was a firm favourite. Unfortunately, he takes a long time to make so he is our top prize and we ask that only one per child is available. We hope that earning enough shines to buy him will make you very proud of what you have achieved. How lovely to own your own to keep forever!

We've had a lot new golden coin winners this term. Reading aloud with fluency, expression and determination are some of the few wonderful things that we have celebrated this term. Well done to everyone who has won a book from the vending machine.







A few months ago we were fortunate to receive £100 from Janet Izatt a local lady who sells books for the church. It was extremely kind of her and the church and with the money I purchased new 'Lime' books for our reading scheme. Thank you!

Well done Apple class for posting the most golden tickets this term.

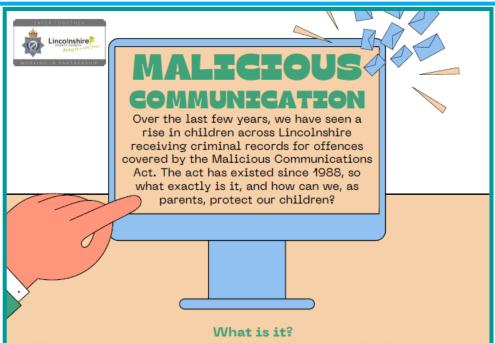
Enjoy your weeks holiday and don't forget to find a cosy corner with some yummy snacks and enjoy your favourite book (adults too!)

Mrs Syzdlowski





Malicious Communications: Malicious Communications has been an ongoing problem in Lincolnshire. It is one of the top 5 crimes in which our 14-16 year olds have received a criminal conviction for. Online behaviour is something we talk regularly to children and young people about within our online safety sessions. We want to also make sure parents are aware of these laws and the potential consequences our online behaviour can have in the real world, for our children's futures. The poster outlines the different laws regarding online behaviour, this is to accompany a video aimed at parents Stay Safe Talks-Malicious Communications (youtube.com) (https://www.youtube.com/watch?



Malicious communication is sending messages, pictures, and videos **intended to cause distress or anxiety** to another person. It can happen through various ways, online and offline, and can be categorised into a few types:

- Threats: This includes verbal or written threats of violence or harm to someone or their property.
- Harassment: Repeatedly sending messages that are insulting, offensive, or upsetting also known as spamming someone.
- Offensive Messages: This includes sending messages that are sexually suggestive, extremely rude, or discriminatory.
- Inappropriate Images: Sharing embarrassing photos or videos without someone's permission.
- False Information: Knowingly spreading false information about someone
 with the intent to cause them harm. Pretending to be someone else to trick
 someone.

The key point is that the sender's intention is to cause distress or anxiety. A single message might not be considered malicious communication, but a repeated pattern of messages intended to bully or frighten someone would be.

Impact on Children

Malicious communication can have a serious impact on children's emotional well-being. It can make them feel scared, anxious, and depressed. In severe cases, it can even lead to self-harm or suicide.

On the other hand, if your child is found guilty of malicious communication, they could be excluded from school and face criminal charges.

Safeguarding: Safeguarding is our top priority here at St Bart's and we would like to take this opportunity to remind you about the safeguarding information that is available on our website. The safeguarding tab includes a range of information about safeguarding in school, safeguarding at home and a list of useful contacts if you require advice and support. Please also see the safeguarding and child protection policy for further information about how we safeguard children and staff in school.

PTFA News: <u>Easy Fundraising</u> is a great source of funds for the school which could raise £££s for the PTFA. A range of retailers, holiday companies, Ebay, Tesco and many more donate a percentage of money spent when parents / carers / guardians spend money. It costs the consumer absolutely nothing at all. Parents / carers / guardians need to click on the easy fundraising link:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/panel/

- · Register an email and password
- Nominate your cause
- Download a reminder tool to browser so when purchases are made through a partner a reminder is sent.

Make the purchase and a percentage goes to St Barts!

£74.28 raised in the last quarter



St Bartholomew's Church News:

Thirsty on a Thursday: The Church is open every Thursday between 9.30—11am for you to drop in any time for tea/coffee and a chat.

Stay Safe Partnership's Upcoming Online Safety Q+A events for Parents

In the 2023 Keeping Safe Survey Lincolnshire, it showed that effective parental/guardian supervision of a child's online activity reduced the risk of children being bullied online by up to 39%. Being able to keep up to date with the latest apps and trends in order to keep your children safe can feel like an overwhelming task. The Stay Safe Partnership deliver Online Safety workshops in Primary and Secondary schools across Lincolnshire everyday. In this Online Safety Q&Q event for Parents, they will give you the most up to date information and tools, so you feel confident that you can keep your children safe from online harm whilst still allowing them to explore the online world. Whether you want to know more around age appropriate apps, online trends, parental controls, social media or any other burning questions this is the event for you! Sign up is required.

Stay Safe Partnerships Online Safety Q+A for **Parents of Primary** Aged Children **5th June 2023 6-7:30pm** FREE TEAMS event sign up required: https://buytickets.at/staysafepartnership/1238483

Stay Safe Partnerships Online Safety Q+A for **Parents of Secondary** Aged Children **19th June 2023 6-7:30 pm** FREE TEAMS event sign up required: https://buytickets.at/staysafepartnership/1238529

Speed Limit Petition: The West Pinchbeck Speed Awareness Group would like to thank everyone who signed their Speed Reduction petition. Highways have agreed to reduce the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph for the rest of Six House Bank and the Parish Council has agreed to back the reduction to 20mph at the junction on Six House Bank with Leaveslake Drove. This item is on the agenda for the Highways meeting which will take place in June.

Apple Class: This term has been another busy one for Apple Class. Our topic has been 'what lives in our local river?' We went on a trip to the River Glen to explore what we could find in the water. We took fishing nets, water sample pots, magnifying glasses and had a lovely sunny walk to the river. We collected water samples and found many things in the water such





as weeds, grass, worms, ladybirds, flies and animal poo. Some children used nets to dig deep in the water, although no living things were caught. One adult and child did see a fish but it swam away very quickly. To support this learning, we also had a visit from Mr Syzdlowski who came to talk to us about some of the things he has seen on his outings with the Spalding



Wombles. He showed the children pictures of trolleys, cones, rubbish, bikes and even a lawnmower that he found in the river. He spoke to the children about not littering, in order to protect the creatures that live in our waters.

The children have enjoyed swimming lessons this term. The children are much more confident than they were in September and this has been wonderful to see. In PE, we have started practising for sports day. The children have been working hard at skipping, egg balancing, sack racing, and running - in preparation for the big day!

The Year 1 children have been working extremely hard on their Phonics, in preparation for the annual Phonics test in June. Please ensure your child is in school as much as possible for the first 2 weeks of June as we will be having daily revision sessions in order to help them pass the government Phonics Screening Check.

Last week we were lucky enough to take part in a bee workshop. The children learnt lots of information about bees, looked at pictures of different bees, listened to the bees buzzing in the hive, labelled parts of a bee and also tasted local and commercial honey.

Thank you to the parents who sent bikes in for the Y1 bikeability sessions. We were so impressed with the progress that the children made during the session. Several children went from not being able to ride a bike, to riding it with confidence in only 90 minutes. Thank you very much to our instructor!

The Reception children have loved learning in the outdoor area during the sunny weather

this term. Mrs Syzlowski, Mrs Elwes and Mrs Morris have worked extremely hard in the outdoor area to refresh provision, create new areas and revamp the garden area. The children are very thankful, and so am I – thank you very much ladies!







Have a lovely week everyone and see you all next term.

Miss Cannon 😥

Palm Class: Well, what a term it has been for Palm Class! We started our learning journey with a

Palm Class! We started our learning journey with a fabulous trip to Woolsthorpe Manor. We immersed ourselves in history and science, toured Isaac Newton's home and even built rockets and sent them soaring! It was a fantastic day and I know that many of our children are very keen to return with their families!







This term in science we have been investigating plants. We have planted and grown different plants and strawberries, devised experiments to test the optimum conditions for plant growth and learnt how to care for plants. Year 2 have learnt the lifecycle of a bean, what plants need to live and what's inside a seed. Year 3 have done comparative experiments, looked at the 7 life processes and learnt the roles of the different parts of a plant.

We have delved into ancient Egypt over the last few weeks. From the Nile, daily life and mummification, we have learnt it all! Mrs Amatt created a giant pyramid with the children during SATs week and in art, Miss Illingworth has designed and sculpted burial masks that are full of intricate detail and colour.







In maths we have conquered fractions in year 3 – using lots of bar modelling and super use of times tables. Year 2 have tackled money, length and mass. The children have been developing their reasoning skills and their use of different strategies and models to help them solve multistep, real-life problems. Well done Palm mathematicians!

Our English learning has taken us to Syria. We have explored the effect of a war on a community and what it means to pull together and work through difficult situations. Throughout this we have developed our use of abstract noun phrases, expanded nouns, contractions, superlatives and interesting adjectives. We finished the term by writing our own versions of the story "The Last Garden" by reflecting on our own challenges through the pandemic. I am incredibly proud of the writing that the children have created. Well done Palm Class!

Computing has been focused on online safety. We have looked at staying safe on social networks, computer games, emails and messaging. The children have worked through scenarios, played true or false games and had a very informative workshop about staying safe whilst online.

In RE we have been looking at special places in religions. We learnt actively to retell stories of pilgrimages, descriptions of special places of worship and places that hold sentiment for the children in our class.

Little Red Riding Hood has been the focus of our French this term. The children can tell you some of the main characters and objects from the story in French. They particularly enjoyed "le loup" The Wolf!

In PSHE the children discovered the good and bad medicines and drugs in our world. What is safe and what is not. They were incredibly mature and asked some super questions.

It has been a busy, fun-packed term and we can't wait to get back into learning again on the 3rd of June. We hope that you all have a wonderful half term and that the sun shines for you.

Thank you for shining your lights so brightly this term Palm Class!



Oak Class: Our core values have been prevalent in Oak Class this term, where the children demonstrated how their trust in one another has grown to enable them to dream and achieve.

The buzz for learning has once again been alive in Oak Class, the drive and thirst to learn and better themselves is contagious and the children have thrown themselves into vast array of activities that have come their way. Our Disciples of Change have shone through as they have been campaigning against Plastic Pollution by creating beautiful artwork



and leaflets as part of our learning in RE and English to display at the Flower Festival to learning. The children have worked their socks off in Maths learning about fractions, decimals and percentages in Maths. Not to mention swimming lessons which Oak Class absolutely love. The anticipation for lessons on a Thursday morning creates the most amazing buzz with the happiest of children and the progress they are making is fantastic. They have particularly enjoyed our work in RE where they have been creating a memory box for children in our school so that they can remember all of the key events in Jesus' life and how these impact us as we follow in his footsteps. The children have absolutely blown me away with their drive to succeed and make a positive impact in the world that we live in.

I would like to encourage Oak Class to practice their times-tables over the half-term break on Timestables Rockstars, click on the Soundcheck or on the Multiplication Timestables Check online Multiplication Tables Check - 2024 - Timestables.co.uk. Little and often will really support them with the instant recall of these important number facts ahead of the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check early on in June. Each child has their own username and password for TTRS, please click on this link to login:



Times Tables Rock Stars – Times Tables Rock Stars (ttrockstars.com)

On behalf of the Palm Class Team, I would like to wish you all a happy half-term and we hope you have a well-earned rest.

Miss Cox, Mrs Thorley and Miss Stead







Willow Class: Firstly, I would just like to congratulate all of Willow class for their maturity, resilience and effort during their SATs week. They all tried their best and worked hard! Well done! Breakfast was enjoyed by all and the children were in good spirits.





On the Friday following SAT's, Year 6 were lucky enough to enjoy a whole morning of archery and an afternoon of swimming. The children really enjoyed the day, but the highlight was them receiving their Year 6 Leavers Hoodies!

During this term, the Year 6's have managed to be attendance winners of the week, enjoying a fun time at the park as their reward. Also, they have continued their Personal Development curriculum with a couple of workshops, learning about their own identities. The Flower Festival at St Bartholomew's church was splendid, and the children admired the many displays on offer.





For English this term, Year 6 have learnt all about the marine biologist, Jacques Cousteau. They have written biographies, ensuring that all elements of Year 6 writing have been included. The children learnt some fascinating facts about Jacques and shared this information with each other. Did you know that Jacques Cousteau invented the aqualung, used by scuba divers all over the world today? The effort has been amazing, and all the biographies are proudly on display in the classroom. Super Year 6!









Mrs Davison, Mrs Peach and Miss Illingworth

Up and Coming Events

24.5.24 Term 5 ends 3.6.24 Term 6 begins

11.6.24 Team Point Champions Term 5 Non Uniform Day

20.6.24 Apple Class Trip to Skegness

21.6.24 PTFA Summer Fayre

24.6.24 Sports Day

1-3.7.24 Year 6 Residential - Castleton

3.7.24 New Intake Meet & Greet (2-3pm)

10&11.7.24 Willow & Oak Performance

10.7.24 New Intake Taster Afternoon (1-3pm)

12.7.24 End of Year Awards Assembly (time tbc)

15.7.24 Whole School Transition Afternoon (1.15-2.30pm)

16.7.24 Whole School Trip to Lincoln

17.7.24 PTFA Yr 6 Leavers' BBQ/Whole School Disco

19.7.24 Leavers' Assembly (9.15am)

19.7.24 End of Term 6

Term Dates 2024-25

Term 1: 4th Sept—18th Oct 2024

Term 2: 29th Oct—19th Dec 2024

Term 3: 6th Jan—14th Feb 2025

Term 4: 24th Feb—4th April 2025 Term 5: 23rd April— 23rd May 2025

Term 6: 2nd June-22nd July 2025

Pencil Cases:

Half term holiday is a good time to ask your child if they need any



of their stationery for their pencil cases replenishing. Please be aware that children use their glue sticks in most lessons and therefore they run out frequently.

Helping the Environment:

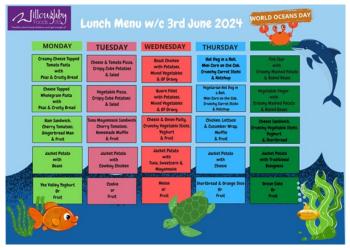
Clothing Recycling: Our clothes recycling container is situated in the bike shed. If you wish to use it and the gates are locked, please let the school office know and a member of staff will open the gates for you. This facility is available term time only between 8.30am and 3.30pm. Your donations need to be deposited in a bag, however, please can we ask that you do not leave bags by the locked gates. This is a community facility and therefore is available for the wider community to use.

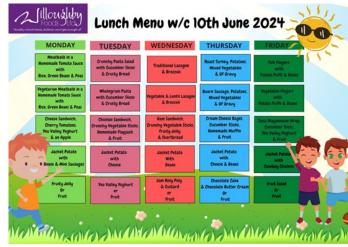
Battery Collection: Remember to bring in your used batteries (AAA, AA, C, D) for recycling. You can return your battery box or use the big battery collection box in the bike shed.

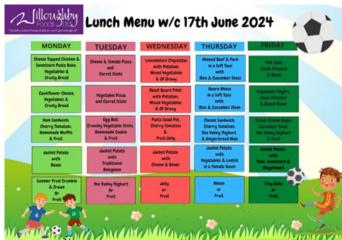
Ink Cartridges: Remember to bring in your used ink cartridges and place them in the box in the bike shed. Please note toner and laser cartridges are not accepted as part of the programme.

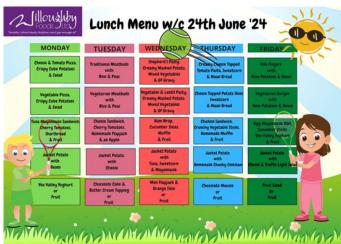


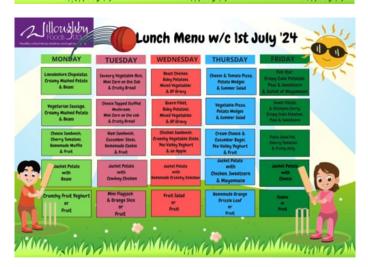


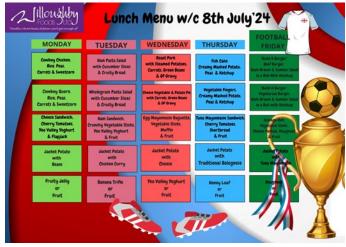


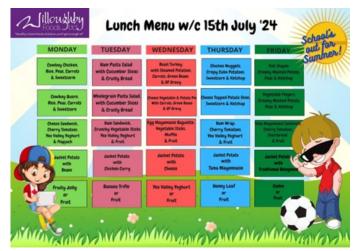












School Meals: Menus for term 6 are available to order via the Willoughby Foods Ltd website www.willoughby-foods.co.uk. Reception and KS1 parents/carers/guardians must order meals directly from Willoughby Foods Ltd to take up the Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) offer. Children entitled to Free School Meals (FSM) will be ordered an option 1 main meal and an option 1 pudding unless parents log on and amend. **The order deadline for ordering for term 6 week 1 is midnight on Tuesday 28th May 2024**. If you haven't ordered meals by this date, please remember to send your child with a packed lunch as the meals delivered to school are the number that are ordered, therefore there are no spare meals available. Menus are also available to view on the school website.

Free School Meals: To apply for Free School meals please see the 'about' page on our school website where you will find a link as well as a step by step guide to the application process.

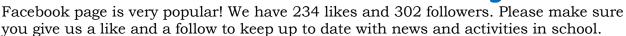
Cool Milk: Our school milk scheme is administered by Cool Milk. To register your child for school milk, please visit https:/www.coolmilk.com/register.

School Website: Our school website can be found at



<u>www.stbartholomews.lincs.sch.uk</u> where you will find lots of information about the school, upcoming events, newsletters, learning links, school lunch menus.

St Bartholomew's School Facebook Page: Our school





Class X Pages: Please look at the school's 'X' and class pages on the school website (www.stbartholomews.lincs.sch.uk) which showcases the children's learning in and out of school, alternatively follow your class page via 'X'. Please feel free to leave a comment!



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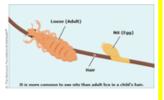
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Parent Mail App: The App is available for Android 4.4 devices and above and Apple iOS 8 and above devices. To download the App, simply visit the App store on your phone, and search "ParentMail". Please note, you must be registered to use the ParentMail App – you can register on a browser from the email or text registration invitation you have been sent. In order to download the PMX App you will need iOS 7.0 or higher.



Headlice of Please take this opportunity to check your child's hair for headlice and treat as necessary. A whole school 'attack' on this common nuisance can be very effective when carried out over a period of time when the school is closed. We rely on parents vigilance and their commitment to checking for and treating headlice in order for outbreaks in school to be reduced. Going forward, please help us to reduce outbreaks of this common nuisance in school.



Children return to school on Monday 3rd June 2024

Best wishes Miss Sophie Ingle, Head Teacher



Attendance: All schools are expected to keep their attendance over 96%. This term we have dropped to 95%. If you need any help with attendance, please come and speak to us as we will help in any way that we can. Dr Chris Whitty released this statement via the DfE: "It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above."



10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators **ENCOURAGING HEALTHY FRIENDSHIPS**

avaigating the competities of childrood and adolescent friendships can be challenging – but with the right guidance, children and young people can cultivate meaningful, supportive relationships, some of which may last for many years. These top tips provide a comprehensive approach to fostering healthy friendships among children and young people. It's important

GRANT FRIENDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

HEN LEAD BY EXAMPLE

HELP THEM LOVE THEMSELVES

MONITOR SCREEN

TEACH **PROBLEM-SOLVING**

Meet Our Expert

EMPOWER THE

TEACH EMPATHY

BE OPEN TO QUESTIONS

CONTROL DESCRIPTION OF SHIP SHAPE

UNDERSTAND BOUNDARIES

10 SPOT THE SIGNS

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