



## Autumn 2019 - Newsletter 2

Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2019

### Congratulations - Attendance for the Autumn Term

This year we are aiming for an attendance target of 96% or better. So far we are on well on track to achieve this - our attendance is currently 96.3%. Well done to you all - keep up the good work!

### Attendance - Some reminders

A penalty notice/fine (£60 per child, per parent) can be issued if:

- **a child has been persistently absent.** Persistently absent means 20 sessions (the equivalent of ten school days) of unauthorised absence over a period of 12 school weeks. The absences do not have to be consecutive.
- **there is a period of unauthorised leave (a period could be as little as one day), e.g. for holidays in term time.** Term time leave can only be authorised for exceptional circumstances.
- **a child is persistently late.** Persistently late means late for ten sessions over a period of 12 school weeks.
- **a child who has been excluded is in a public place during school hours during the first 5 days of an exclusion.**

Please do not hesitate to speak to us if you require any further clarification about the issuing of Penalty Notices or there are any matters relating to your child's attendance in general.

If your child is absent from school due to illness, please contact reception via phone or e mail on the first day of absence before 9.30am. If we are unable to contact parents to establish why your child is absent we will have no alternative but to mark the absence as unauthorised.

### Children arriving late

Did you know that if your child arrives after the registers have closed at 9.30am this has to be recorded as an unauthorised absence for that session?

Please make every effort to ensure your child arrives between 8.45am and 8.55 am for school. When a child is late by even a few minutes, it impacts not only on the child who is late but on the whole class as well:

- Children who are late miss out on valuable learning time - we routinely start each day by teaching reading or another basic skill such as spelling and grammar.
- Children who are late can find it more difficult to settle as they feel uncomfortable entering the classroom when the other children are already working.
- Other children's learning can be disrupted as the lesson is interrupted by the late arrival.

### Parents' Evening

Thank you to everyone who attended the Parents' meetings this week to discuss their child's progress so far this year. It was great to see so many of you and to hear your very positive comments about the children and how well they have settled. We are also very grateful to parents for the ideas they contributed to our curriculum review.

## Harvest 2019

On Wednesday we held our annual Harvest service in school. During the service the children found out about the importance of sharing and helping others and sang some amazing songs. An enormous thank you to parents for all of the gifts of tinned and packaged foods for 'House of Bread.' House of Bread were amazed at the generosity of the donations from our school community.



## Safeguarding

Safeguarding the welfare of children in our school lies at the heart of all that we do. Whilst safeguarding is a key responsibility for all staff, as well as members of the public in general, the following members of staff have a specific responsibility to ensure practice within school conforms to statutory requirements and local procedures:

- Mr Goodwin - Designated Safeguarding Lead
- Mrs Bentley - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

**If you have any safeguarding concerns about a child you can speak to any of the people above or you can contact First Response direct on 0800 1313126.**

The governor with responsibility for overseeing safeguarding is Mrs Buxton. Our reviewed and up-dated Safeguarding Policy is now available for information on the school website.

## Remembrance

From Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> November, poppies will be on sale in school to help children mark this important time of remembrance in school. We suggest a minimum donation of 20p per poppy. The following remembrance items will also be on sale and we suggest a minimum donation of 50p per item:-

- Rubber
- Pencil Sharpener
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Snap bands

## Children in Need

This year, Children in Need day will be on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> November. Children will be able to come to school in non-school uniform for a suggested donation to Children in Need of 50p or £1.



## Finally

Well done to all of the children on a really good start to the school year. Mr Goodwin has really enjoyed seeing your books and visiting classes over the last half term. Thank you to all staff; you have all worked so hard to help children settle in and to provide a wide range of learning experiences to interest them. Over the next few pages there are a few photographs to give you a flavour of some of the things the children have been getting up to:

### Nursery and Reception - 'out and about'



## Y1/2

### Designing and making houses



### Investigating some historical objects from houses



### Gymnastics



## Y3

### Designing/making masks in their topic on Ancient Egypt (History/Art)



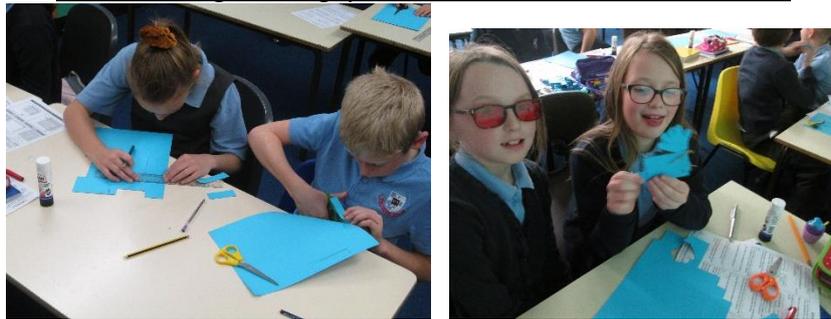
### Finding out about sound (Science/DT)



#### Y4 - Practising their French in discussion groups



#### Y5 - Making moving posters with a mechanism (DT)



#### Y6 - Designing and making Mayan masks (History/Art)



Very best wishes from everyone at Tillington Manor for a lovely half term break. We look forward to seeing all children back at school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

Important Dates for Your Diary - Autumn Term, 2019

Mon, 29 <sup>th</sup> October to Fri, 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	HALF TERM holiday
Mon, 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Staff Training Day - School closed for pupils
Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need day
Mon. 25 <sup>th</sup> November to Fri. 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Y6 - Residential Visit to Standon Bowers
Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00am - Y6 Assembly - Standon Bowers presentation
Weds, 4 <sup>th</sup> December	1.45pm - Choir perform at The Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's Church, Stafford
Weds, 11 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00am and 2pm - EYFS Christmas Performance
Tuesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> December	6.00pm - Evening of Carols led by our KS2 Choir
Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas dinner day
Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Service for the children at St Bertelin's Church
	End of Term