



Dear Parents/Carers

It hardly seems possible that we've already completed the first half term of this academic year. Our new children and staff have all settled in well and the new procedures of coming in during the morning are now embedded and working well; thank you for your assistance in this.

On Tuesday Chestnut class participated in a Road Safety workshop to help the children learn to become safer pedestrians. Wearing high visibility jackets, the class went out onto Camlet Way to identify possible hazards and discussed ways to stay safe when walking in the local area. Top tips included: stop and think before you cross the road; look all around (not just left and right) and listen out for dangers. This was a great session for engaging the children in road safety and teaching important life skills.

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday we had parents' evenings and thank you for taking the time to come in and see the teachers. If you couldn't make your appointment, please let your child's class teacher know via email to the School Office.

We finished off the week today with Cedar class' lovely assembly recalling the work they have done in Humanities, English and Science this term. We had two intriguing tours: one around the USA and the other around the human digestive system – the assembly finished off with a dramatic reminder of how to punctuate direct speech.

We hope you have a lovely relaxing half term break and we look forward to seeing the children on Monday 30th October. All children should return to school in winter uniform, details of which can be found in the Parent Handbook.

Miss Froud

Guidelines on Attendance from the Local Authority

If your child misses school without a good reason, the school will want to discuss this with you. If you don't respond positively or your child's attendance remains a problem, you can expect to be contacted by an Education Welfare Officer (EWO) who will advise you of your legal duties, and work with you to resolve problems. Parents who do not comply, face legal sanctions including prosecution or fixed-penalty notices.

If your child's attendance is below 90% - unless due to serious medical issues – you should expect to be challenged about it as the pupil is now considered to have persistent absence (the government has changed the persistent absence threshold from 15% to 10%).

Poor punctuality also matters. Being frequently late for school adds up to lost learning time. See overleaf for information we've been sent about the impact of lost days and hours.

Lost Property

We have accrued a large amount of unnamed lost property. This will be available for collection on Monday and Tuesday when we return and then it will be disposed of as we don't have enough room to store it.

School Lunches

The new menu for the second half of the autumn term and spring term is on the school website.

The cost of lunches for the second half of the autumn term is £83.85 (£10.75 per week). Please note pupils are either on packed lunch OR school dinner. For ordering purposes and to reduce waste, we cannot accommodate a mixture of both through the week. Half a term's notice is needed if you wish your child to change over.

Medicines

Please note we will only administer prescribed medicines if they are needed more than 3 times a day or the doctor has specified they should be taken immediately before or after lunch.

Book Fair

A Book Fair will run after school from Tuesday 31st October – Thursday 2nd November (inclusive).

Star Pupils



*Willow - Uzayr
Chestnut - Ellen
Beech - Joshua
Cedar - Michelle
Oak - Olivia*



Getting your child to school really matters. Did you know ...

If your child's attendance during the school year is ...	your child would have lost approximately ...	or they would have missed approximately ...
95%	9 days	50 lessons
90%	19 days	100 lessons
85%	29 days	150 lessons
80%	38 days	200 lessons
75%	48 days	250 lessons
70%	57 days	290 lessons
65%	67 days	340 lessons

You should not take your child on holiday during term time.

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In a school year, if your child is late everyday by ...	your child would have lost approximately ...	or they would have missed approximately ...
5 minutes	3.5 days from school	20 lessons
10 minutes	7 days from school	41 lessons
15 minutes	10 days from school	55 lessons
20 minutes	14.5 days from school	82 lessons
30 minutes	22 days from school	123 lessons

Encourage punctuality to maintain school attendance.

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