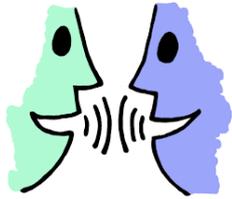




Newsletter

The Importance of talking!



Priority 1 of the School's Improvement Plan (SIP) is to improve the standard of Oracy across the school. Educational research is showing that the amount of vocabulary (number of words) a child knows, understands and uses

in their own talk is a key factor in how well they achieve academically. During this year we are therefore developing how we use talk throughout the curriculum and are part of the 'Voice Leicester' project that is being run by Voice 21. To find out more about the work of Voice 21 you can visit their website - www.voice21.org.

So please remember to talk to your child each day about school, ask them about the key vocabulary they are learning and look out for 'Talking Point' homework activities to discuss with your child.

SEND PARENT DROP-IN SESSION



Mr Curran (SEND Co) and Ms Relf (SEND Link Governor) will be hosting a drop-in session on Tuesday 27th November between 10am and

11am for our families who have an interest in Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND). A representative from SENDIASS, a support group for parents of children with SEND, will also be attending.

The session will take place in the school Drama Hall and there will be hot drinks and light refreshments provided.



Sports Events

On 30th October a group of Year 2 children attended a PE festival at Soar Valley College. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in an amazing 20 activities throughout the day! The variety of experiences included dance, yoga, skill based activities including throwing, catching, balancing and running and there was even a child powered bicycle making a healthy smoothie which the children tasted and enjoyed very much. All children behaved very well and learnt many skills including working co-operatively as a team—well done!



And well done to all the children in Year 5 & 6 who took part in the Sportshall Athletics competition on Wednesday 7th November at Crown Hills CC. There was a fantastic

atmosphere throughout the day and there were some excellent performances in terms of ability and support from all of the children involved.



What's happening this term?



Educational Visits & Events

Flu Vaccinations— Wednesday 28th November

Year 5/6 'Our Best Book' - Tuesday 4th December

Year 5/6 visit to Beaumanor Hall—Friday 7th December

F2 & KS1 Performance — Tuesday 11th December (9.30am) and Wednesday 12th December (2pm)

Aladdin Pantomime— Wednesday 19th December

Christmas Holidays
Monday 24th December—
Monday 7th January

School opens for pupils on Tuesday 8th January 2019

Please see the school website for all term dates.

Please also see the website for the revised term dates for 2019-20.

SCHOOL MONEY

The School Money system is now being used by the vast majority of our families to pay for school dinners, swimming & educational visits—thank you. If you are struggling to access the system, please speak to Mrs Amjed in the school office. Also, please remember that if you change your telephone number or address, please inform the school asap.

Attendance & Punctuality

Attendance Target—96%

UKS2	Oct%	Aug to Oct%	LKS2	Oct %	Aug to Oct%
ZA	97.9%	96.9%	SV	94.7%	96.4%
PT	97.1%	97%	JS	98.7%	97.5%
LI	96.2%	94.3%	SA	97.6%	97.4%

KS1	Oct %	Aug to Oct%	FS	Oct %	Aug to Oct%
NM	96.3%	96.1%	RH	95.7%	95.7%
CM	98.7%	96.3%	FY	96.5%	95.5%
FC	96.1%	96.1%	MP / am	97.1%	97.6%
			MP / pm	88.7%	92%

Current Attendance Rates

Oct Whole School—95.9%

On-going Whole School—96.2%

On-going Whole School excl. F1 —96.3%

GOVERNORS ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS

The Governing body is continually working to support the school in improving the education it provides for all of our children and to ensure the school leaders are held to account for the decisions they make, the way they run the school and the way the school budget is spent.

To inform parents about the work they have completed during the last academic year, they have produced a report which highlights how, throughout the school year, they worked to improve the school and the effectiveness of the Governing body. The full report can be viewed on the school website or by scanning the QR code below:



Sickness & Diarrhoea Bug

As you may be aware, we have had a large number of children and staff absent recently suffering with sickness and/or diarrhoea. As such, we are now asking parents to keep their child at home for 48 hours **after the last episode of vomiting or**

diarrhoea. We understand that this can be frustrating for the child if they are feeling better, however, the delay in returning to school will help to prevent it from spreading to other children and staff.

For further advice and information, please visit www.nhs.uk or speak to your GP.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW GOVERNORS

This term we have welcomed two new Governors onto the Governing Body.

Mrs Amjed is the new Support Staff Governor for the school and Mrs Karim is the new Local Authority Governor.

We look forward to working with them during their terms of office to further improve the outcomes for all of our pupils.

Road Safety

As the dark nights continue to draw in, can you please issue a reminder to the children that they should be taking extra care when walking to and from school. Our Crossing

Patrol is outside the school on Evington Valley Road before and after school each day and so the children need to be crossing the road at this point rather than stepping out between parked cars.

Parents can help by avoiding parking on the yellow zigzags and avoiding driving & walking through the school car park.

