



Be the best you can be

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Friday 17th March 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

Science Week

This week all of our children have been enjoying a week focussed on science. This has involved them carrying out investigations, working practically and taking part in workshops. We hope that the children have enjoyed this week. A big thank you to the many parents who have been into school to support and lead activities. It really does make the week extra special.



A big thank you also to Mrs Barnes, our science coordinator, who organised the week, arranged activities and ensured all the resources were in place.

Vacancies



The school is currently advertising for the following positions. We are looking to appoint the best possible candidates to ensure our provision continues to develop and improve. If you are interested or know anyone who may be please do take a look.

1. Teacher vacancy
We are currently recruiting for September. For further information about this vacancy please see the [CWAC website](#).
2. Cleaner Vacancy
We are looking for an additional cleaner to work in the school. Should you be interested in this vacancy please contact the school office who will provide you with further information.

Parents' Evenings

We have re-scheduled our parents' evenings to the following dates **Tuesday 25th & Wednesday 26th April**. As previous years, the appointments will be booked via School Spider. It is therefore very important that you have the app installed on a device or are access the site via the web to secure an appointment for your child / children.



A letter will be sent out next week. This letter will contain information about School Spider as well as the instruction for you to book these appointments. We hope that providing this information next week, we have allowed plenty of time for arrangements to be made so as many parents as possible can attend.



20th March 2023
Yr.2 Imagine that trip.

27th March 2023
School attendance analysis.

30th March 2023
Last day of spring term.

31st March 2023
INSET Day – School closed for pupils.

31st March 2023
Orienteering course installed on the school site.

17th April 2023
School re-opens for pupils.

25th April 2023
Parents' evening.

26th April 2023
Parents' evening.

1st May 2023
Bank holiday – school closed

8th May 2023
Bank holiday – school closed

9th-12th May 2023
SATs week (Yr.6)

Planned Residential Trips



The summer term brings with it our residential trips. The following trips are planned for the summer term.

9 th -10 th	May	Yr. 4 residential Pentre
14 th -16 th	June	Yr. 6 residential Conway
4 th -5 th	July	Yr.5 residential Nant

If you have a child in one of these year groups, please keep a look out for our information evenings. Even if you have had an older sibling attend a residential, these centres are relatively new, so I would definitely recommend attendance to ensure you and your child know what each experience entails.

World Book Day

On Thursday 2nd we celebrated World Book Day. During this day we had many activities to encourage reading for pleasure. It was lovely to see the children dressing up and making the most of the opportunity. There were some fantastic outfits. A huge well done to all of our children.



Red Nose Day



A quick thank you for your support with Red Nose today. The children have had a fantastic day and enjoyed many different activities. Thank you to all of those who supported the event by sending cakes into school for the children to enjoy.

A Snowy Friday

Just a quick mention about last Friday. Firstly, thank you for sending your children into school prepared for the cold weather. As you will have seen and heard, we took the children outside at the start of the day to make the most of the fresh snow. It was lovely to witness the whole school enjoying a shared experience, one which we hope will stay with them for many years to come. They were impeccably behaved and had a thoroughly enjoyable time.



School attendance

School attendance is essential if pupils are to take full advantage of school and gain the appropriate skills and knowledge to equip them for life. As a school we are held to account for our pupils' attendance and have to challenge parents / carers if poor attendance is identified.

The chart demonstrates the impact of children missing school on their learning. The reason this is being shared is we have several persistent absentees who are falling below our expected attendance level.

As all schools we have a default policy that absences will not be granted during term time and will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. The fundamental principles defining 'exceptional' are rare, significant, unavoidable (an event that could not reasonably be scheduled at another time) and short. The local authority holds the school to account for our children's attendance and decisions we make. We have to therefore be consistent in our application of the guidelines we are provided with.

As a guide, the National Association of Headteachers produced some guidance regarding the authorisation of leave. The guidance is as follows.

- If an event can reasonably be scheduled outside of term time, then it would not be normal to authorise absence
- Absence during term time for holidays/vacations is therefore not considered an exceptional circumstance
- Absences to visit family members are also not normally granted during term time if they could be scheduled for holiday periods or outside school hours. Children may however need time to visit seriously ill relatives
- Absence for a bereavement of a close family member is usually considered an exceptional circumstance but for the funeral service only, not extended leave
- Absences for important religious observances can be taken into account but only for the ceremony and travelling time, not extended leave. This is intended for one off situations rather than regular or recurring events
- Schools have a duty to make reasonable adjustments for students with special educational needs or disabilities. Families may need time together to recover from trauma or crisis

We thank you for your support and understanding regarding term-time absence requests. This information and leave of absence forms can be found on the school website.

<https://www.christletonprimaryschool.co.uk/page/request-for-leave-absence-during-term-time/105810>

Please note, absence also includes broken attendance. i.e. when children arrive late, miss portions of days or are taken early from school.

Wet Play Games

We continue to look to improve the activities children can access at break time. As you may have seen, we have recently put some new play equipment on both the key stage 1 and key stage 2 playgrounds. If you happen to have any games that are not being used at home, we would happily take the donation. Games that do not have many pieces are probably the best as often small pieces get lost over time.

Thanks for any help you be able to provide.

Attendance	Days lost	Weeks lost	Impact
100.0%	0	1 week	Your child attends school and is able to take full advantage of every learning opportunity
99.0%	1.9		
98.0%	3.8		
97.0%	5.7		
96.0%	7.6		
95.0%	9.5	2 weeks	Your child's absences may result in them falling behind in school.
94.0%	11.4		
93.0%	13.3		
92.0%	15.2	3 weeks	They may need to spend time catching up with missed work
91.0%	17.1		
90.0%	19	4 weeks	Your child's absences will be having an effect on their education.
89.0%	20.9		
88.0%	22.8		
87.0%	24.7		
86.0%	26.6	5 weeks	Your child will be at risk of underachieving and may need extra support from you to catch up with their school work.
85.0%	28.5		
84.0%	30.4	6 weeks	Your child's has poor attendance. It is likely that there will be a significant impact on their learning.
83.0%	32.3		
82.0%	34.2		
81.0%	36.1		
80.0%	38		



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Kind regards,

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