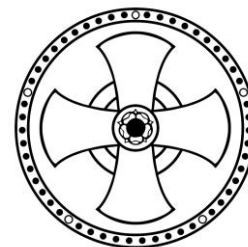




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Hello everyone,

As we approach half term, after what seems like the longest January on record, I wanted to update you on what has been happening in school.

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone for their continued support around attendance. As you will have seen in the news, attendance is a huge focus for the DFE, as well as schools. We closely monitor the attendance of all our pupils and will contact you to find out what we can do to help if attendance figures become a concern. Our target is 97% and as of the time I am writing this, we are currently at 94.2%. We would really appreciate your continued support in sending your child to school if they have a minor illness, such as a cough or a cold. We are happy to reassure you that the school office would contact you should your child become too ill to attend lessons.

It would also be very much appreciated if you could help to keep our children safe by parking considerately. Please do not park directly outside the school as, with our narrow footpaths, this has led to near misses of children potentially being hit by opening car doors. There is on street parking available within a short walk of the school. We are in contact with the local authority and have requested additional traffic warden patrols as well as our ongoing request for a safety patrol officer (lollipop person). If you can spare some time and are interested in helping the children to cross safely, please let the school office know.

We have listened to parent council feedback and are now giving you more notice about when your child will be receiving a Star pupil Award. We hope that letting you know a week in advance will make life a little easier for you. I have to say a special thank you to all the parent council representatives who gave up their time to come in for a meeting this week. We value your input and hope that you found the meeting as productive as we did.

You will see from the newsletter that Year 1 had a fantastic trip to Drusillas Zoo and that Year 4 had a great time learning about mummification at Brighton Museum. Miss Anscombe and Miss Turner are both sorting out trips for their classes – watch this space. In addition to this, children from years 5 and 6 have represented the school at the ACE athletics championships. Key Stage 2 children have also taken part in cricket and netball events (Y3/4 won their netball tournament!). Not only are we proud of our children's sporting ability but we are also extremely proud of their fantastic sportsmanship and behaviour – both on and off pitch/court. They are **always** wonderful ambassadors for our school.

We are about to enter the Church season of Lent, with Ash Wednesday occurring during half term. During this special season, we would like to spend more time focusing on those less fortunate than ourselves, those living in poverty. Miss Cordell will shortly be in touch to give you more information about our participation in Cafod's 'The Big Lent Walk'.

Wishing you all a restful half term.

Kind regards,

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