



Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school. It is both unsafe and unhygienic if pupils are not wearing appropriate clothing. As explained in previous newsletters, any pupils who do not have the correct PE kit in school will be required to wear a stock PE kit from school.

Please contact the office if you require any assistance with regard to purchasing any uniform.

Please also ensure pupils are sent to school wearing sensible black school shoes, in line with the school's uniform policy.



Tuesday 12 March—Hotel Transylvania 3
Tuesday 26 March—Despicable Me 3
Tuesday 9 April—Captain Underpants
 Movie night will finish at 4.45pm.
 Tickets will be on sale nearer the time.

Key Dates:

Mondays

Continuation of kickboxing after school club 3-4pm

Tuesdays

Arts and Crafts Club 3-4pm

Lunchtime choir

Wednesdays

Continuation of cricket club 3-4pm

Fridays

Continuation of morning fitness club 8.00—8.45am

Dodgeball club 3-4pm

Tuesday 12 March

Book fair in school for one week, available after school from 3-3.45pm in the dining hall

Thursday 14 March

Parents Evening 2-7pm. Letters to follow

Friday 15 March

Comic Relief—Red Nose Day—wear something red!

Tuesday 19 March

Book Club in school for one week

Thursday 21 March

Year 5 trip to Bolton Abbey—further details to follow

Thursday 21 March

World Down Syndrome Day—wear odd socks!

Tuesday 2 April

World Autism Awareness Day



March 8, 2019

Headteacher's Message



I would like to begin by saying a huge thank you to all our parents and carers for your effort and enthusiasm in supporting Times Tables Rock Stars launch day, and World Book Day. The children looked fantastic (as you can see!) and both days were hugely enjoyable and valuably educational. Thank you also to our staff for making the days so successful—I am sure some of them love dressing up more than the children!

This week children have all been given their Times Tables Rock Stars and Purple Mash log-in and password codes; these can be used at home as well as school, it would be fantastic (if they have access to a tablet, smartphone or PC) if your children could show you how they have been improving their skills.



Attendance

Attendance figures for the last 2 weeks are as follows:

w/c 25 February 2019	
Reception	96.21%
Year 1	92.67%
Year 2	93.79%
Year 3	96.79%
Year 4	96.44%
Year 5	97.5%
Year 6	95.86%

w/c 4 March 2019	
Reception	93.79%
Year 1	98.33%
Year 2	95.17%
Year 3	96.07%
Year 4	90.8%
Year 5	97.5%
Year 6	92.41%

Please phone school to inform us of any absences on 01535 604240

We will continue to work closely to support families of those children whose attendance falls below 90%. In most cases this is known as persistent absence. Our Parental Involvement Worker – Mrs Tonya Barnes – is working alongside the Senior Leadership Team to actively engage parents and families who may be in need of further support.

Parents Evening

Our Spring Parents Evening will be held on **Thursday 14 March, 2-7pm**. Letters were sent out last week—please contact the office on 01535 604240 if you have yet to arrange an appointment.

The dining hall will be available for children to spend time playing games and joining in various activities – supervised by Mrs Barnes, our Parental Involvement Worker - should you wish to speak to your child's teacher without your children being present.

The main aims of our Spring consultations are to discuss your child's progress and attainment so far this year, the work that they are doing at the moment, their next steps and targets to aim for and any support that you can give at home to help your child. We also find it valuable to receive feedback about how your child is finding school and any issues we need to be aware of.

We look forward to seeing you!



We are pleased to inform you that the Book People will be delivering the Book Fair next **Tuesday 12 March** and will be in school for one week. Accompanying this newsletter today, your child will be bringing home a £1 World Book Day voucher and a Book People brochure.

The Book Fair will be located in the school dining hall and will be accessible from 3pm-3.45pm on 12, 13, 14, 15 and 18 March. All classes will have a chance to visit the Book Fair during the school day, and have a look at the vast range of reasonably priced books available.

Comic Relief's Red Nose Day is on **Friday 15 March**.



Children are invited to wear something red in return for bringing a small donation for Comic Relief.

Please do not go to any unnecessary expense. Anything red, however small, is fine! Hair bobbles, a T-shirt, red socks—whatever you can find in your wardrobes!

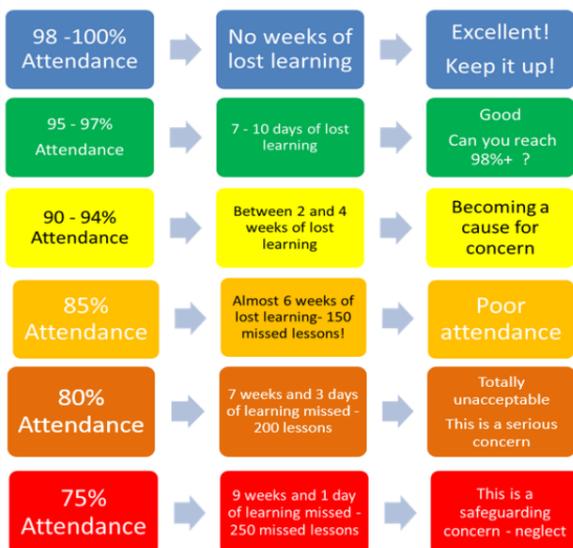
Punctuality

Please ensure that your child arrives on time. Some of the most vital learning takes place early in the day.

The school day Starts at 8.45am. Children should arrive at school by 8.40am. The school day ends at 3.00pm – this is the time pupils finish learning for the day – NOT the time they are expected to be ready to go home. If your child arrives after the registers have closed at 9.30am they will be recorded as having an unauthorised absence for the whole morning.



What Does Excellent Attendance Look Like?
A Guide to Lost Learning through Absence



Reading Championship

A huge congratulations to Cora in Year 6—the first pupil in school to earn her reading Championship trophy for reading a total of 75 books since September.

Our current whole school badge total stands at 104 bronze, 38 silver, 10 gold and 3 Reading ambassador shields. Keep up the good work!



Thursday 21 March is World Down Syndrome Day. We are holding a cake sale at break times and after school, and any cake donations are welcome!

All proceeds will be donated to World Down Syndrome Charities

All pupils are invited to wear odd socks to school, to show their support!



World Autism Awareness Day is on 2 April this year.

School plans to raise awareness of the needs of children with Autistic spectrum disorder (ASD) through a range of classroom resources and activities.

