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Half Term

Next week is the half term holidays so children will not be in school. We look forward to seeing you on Monday 25th February.

Mother's Day Lunch

Mother's Day Lunch will be on Wednesday 27th March. Mrs Cook will be serving a roast dinner. Adult meals cost £2.63 and children's meals cost £2.20. Nursery children are invited alongside a parent. Unfortunately we are unable to accommodate younger children who do not attend the school as we do not have space.

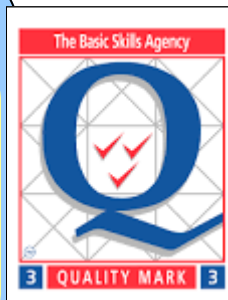
Please note that the deadline for ordering and paying for your Mother's Day lunch is Friday 15th March and we will be unable to add anyone else after this date.

End of Financial Year

We are in the process of preparing for financial year end. Please ensure you log in to your parent pay account and bring any outstanding balances up to date immediately. Going forward please ensure all payments for dinners, after school club and swimming are made weekly. (A reminder letter will be sent home next week to advise of outstanding balances)

Please note our policy for school dinners whereby if you debt exceeds more than one week (£11.00) we are unable to provide a school meal until the debt is repaid in full.

Should you wish to discuss any outstanding balances with either myself or Sarah Beck, please contact the school office to arrange a mutually convenient time.





Diary Dates

W/C 18th February– Spring Half term

Monday 25th February– Return to School

Thursday 7th March– World Book Day

Friday 15th March– Deadline for booking Mother's Day Lunch

Wednesday 27th March– Mother's Day Lunch

Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th April– Pupil Progress meetings

Thursday 11th and Friday 12th April– Y4 Stratford Residential

Monday 15th April– Friday 26th April– Easter Holidays

Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th May—Y5 Ironbridge residential

W/C 27th May—Summer Half Term

House Points for this week

Rabbits 107

Dogs 120

Guinea Pigs 86

Cats 93

Lighthorne Heath Heroes!

Congratulations to all of this week's
Lighthorne Heath Heroes!



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

every school day counts.

**Well done to Y123 who had the
highest attendance at school this
week with a brilliant 96.5%**

Reception– 96.25%

I have decided to leave Nursery off the attendance as
their attendance is not statutory.

Year 1/2/3– 96.5%

Year 4/5/6– 89.4%

Whole School Attendance: 94.04%

**The minimum acceptable attendance, as
stipulated by Warwickshire Local
Authority, is 95%.**

**Low attendance results in poorer educa-
tional progress and attainment.**



**UN Convention on the Rights of the Child:
Article 3 (Best Interests of the Child.)**

As promoted by Warwickshire Safeguarding Children Board's Taking Care Scheme please do not teach blanket 'stranger danger' messages to children. The reason for this is that sometimes a stranger is the only person who can help us and is a far safer option than not talking to anyone. E.g. a child lost in a shop is far safer to tell a stranger they are lost than to wander off looking for the person they have separated from. We may choose to discuss the likely 'safest' strangers in such scenarios such as a mother with a pram or small children or someone who works in the shop.

However, we do need to clarify the stranger issue as plainly there are situations we may want to warn children about for their own safety e.g.

- not to get in a car with anyone (NOT just someone they don't know) unless their parent/guardian knows who/ where/ when etc and has given permission.
- not leaving school with someone other than who they were expecting unless their parent/guardian knows who/ where/ when etc and has given permission and they have checked with a school staff member. Sometimes a password system is used so that children are only released into the care of an adult who can give the correct password – this is usually changed as soon as it has been used once.
- not to walk off with anyone (NOT just someone they don't know) unless their parent/guardian knows who/ where/ when etc and has given permission.
- If someone tries to grab them it is ok to break all the rules of politeness to others e.g. scream, kick, punch, bite...etc. Whatever they need to do to draw attention to themselves and alert others to the fact they are in danger.

Please reinforce these safety messages to the children regularly without giving them the idea that ALL strangers are 'bad'.