



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our final newsletter of this term.

We end the term with a fun-filled event for the whole school community organised by the Friends of Watling Park.

We thank them for their efforts this term and last and for their continued support – and energy!

Next term begins on Monday 16th April at the usual time.

Soon after we return, the children in Year 1 and some children in Year 2 will be taking the National Phonics Screening Check so we ask that you continue to work on phonics with your child over the holiday and, if your child is in Year 2, we ask that you continue reading, writing and maths practice as May will be the month of Key Stage 1 SATs.

Accompanying this newsletter is a list of **KEY DATES FOR THE SUMMER TERM**. This includes dates for SATs meetings for Year 2 parents and even details of our end of year concerts!

Please note that, after Easter, Miss Landsberg will be undertaking a block teaching practice in Reception as part of her training so don't be surprised to see quite a lot of her!

When we return after the break, we will be changing the entry points to the school to ensure health and safety requirements are met and in preparation for the school's ongoing expansion. One entry point will be the single gate nearest the MUGA that follows the footpath, the second entry point will be via the gate nearest to the KISS AND DROP bay. We will ensure that these entrances are visibly manned so that everybody is clear about how to enter the school.

'ATTEND AND ACHIEVE'

Our attendance is still below 96%. **PLEASE SUPPORT US IN IMPROVING THIS**. Absences **WILL NOT BE AUTHORISED** during term time – learning time - unless the circumstances are exceptional. Family holidays and visits overseas to relatives **are not** considered to be exceptional. **PLEASE TAKE HOLIDAYS ONLY WHEN CHILDREN HAVE THEIR SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**. We understand that travel is cheaper outside these times but your children's learning is vital and days missed due to holidays can never be made up – even with additional homework!

PLEASE NOTE THAT ANY ABSENCE ON THE LAST DAY BEFORE A HOLIDAY AND THE FIRST DAY AFTER A HOLIDAY DUE TO ILLNESS NEED TO BE SUPPORTED BY MEDICAL EVIDENCE. This is following advice from the Education Welfare Officer and will take effect from the last week of this term.

Please see the accompanying leaflet on penalty notices for lateness and absence which we will begin to enforce in the summer term.

Our school teddy – OTIS (On Time, In School) needs an outfit! If any mums, dads or carers are adept at sewing, please could you come and see Miss Mallick or Ms Gibbons to get the measurements for OTIS who has been feeling a little chilly recently!

Many of you have asked about Mrs DaSilva. She has recently confirmed that, due to personal circumstances, she will be taking the rest of this academic year to be with her family but she hopes to return to us in September. We have sent her all our best wishes and she knows that the Watling community is thinking of her and sending her much love.

Finally, we wish you all a very restful and happy break and hope you enjoy time with family and friends.

See you all on Monday 16th April, ready for an 8:45am start!

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