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THE MINSTER JUNIOR SCHOOL

Newsletter

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS !

We're doing a lot of work to improve children's attendance and lateness.

The Educational Welfare Officer and Mrs. Dering meet with parents to find out what is causing the problems with absence and Mrs. Jacobs meets with some Year 6 and Year 5 children to talk about the importance of coming to school as much as possible.

It's surprising how much time is lost at school over a school year, even for children with --
95% attendance = 2 weeks lost over the year
90% attendance = 19 days (almost 4 weeks) lost
85% attendance = 29 days lost – almost half a term

This is why we hardly ever authorise holidays in school time.

LEARNING IS IMPORTANT FOR YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE

We are looking to appoint a new Finance Officer – either a full-time post or part-time. If you know of anyone with finance experience, please tell them to come in and see us.

PRICE RISE Unfortunately, due to our supplier increasing their prices, from 1st April, 2017, the costs for school sweatshirts will be:

Sizes 29" – 34" (small) £9.50

Medium – XL - £12.00

PLAYING BALL GAMES IN THE PLAYGROUND AT THE END OF SCHOOL

I have received a number of complaints from parents and staff of the Infant school about balls hitting both children and Infant staff.

When the end of the afternoon comes, it is safer for those children walking home on their own to get away from school straight away.

We have told the children that they should not play in the playground after school. We do not have any members of staff supervising the playground. Last week two boys climbed over the Infant gates because the main school gates were closed. This was very dangerous.

YEAR 6 BOOSTER CLASSES

Many of the teachers give up their time to take Year 6 Booster Classes after school in order for your children to be as well prepared for their SATs tests as possible.

Some children are not turning up for the classes even though they have been in school on those days.

Please tell your children about the importance of these classes so that they attend all of them.

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

World Book Day – 2nd March. Children receive book vouchers.

Parents' Evening – 14th March. Booking appointments from 28/2/17.

Red Nose Day – 24th March. Details to follow.