

Newsletter 1 Spring 2017  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January

Dear Parents and Carers

**Happy New Year to you all, I do hope that you had a good Christmas break.**

### **Website**

Some of you have seen that we have switched to our new website. This design has been chosen as it is compatible with smartphones. My thanks go to Mr Stanley for all of the work he has done on this. A number of the children produced the drawing for the website.

### **New Path**

Following a health and safety audit, the school was required to create a path to the main reception. This path allows pedestrians to walk to reception without walking through the car park. Please use this entrance. We have also added speed bumps and a zebra crossing.

### **E-safety**

There have been a number of articles in the press recently about the risks for children on the internet. Many children have received phones and computers this Christmas. Please see the link regarding online safety.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/zs83tyc>

### **Attendance**

The government expects the attendance average for each child to be above 90% and we aim for 96% or more. If a child's attendance falls below 90% we are expected to discuss this with our attendance improvement officer and, if necessary, devise an action plan with the parent, to improve attendance. Some of you will receive letters this week because your child has attendance below 90%.

### **Absence**

Please ensure that you provide us with enough information when reporting an illness. Absence is not automatically authorised. If children have regular absences then we may not authorise, if we feel these are unjustified. Many of you notify us in good time by phone or email. Thank you for doing this.

### **PE-Non participants**

If children are not participating in PE due to injury then they are still expected to remain with their class for the session. They are expected to complete a task related to PE during the session.

### **Golden Pupils**

It is lovely to see the children recognised for their persistence and effort in the golden assembly. This week the following children were mentioned.

Year 6; Saima P, Luke S, Samuel DB, Rayyan H, Karram C and Katie G.

Year 5; Saif M, William T, Koushik V, Niusha M, Jason R, and Sasha C.

Year 4; Ethan DL, Hussain A, Christopher F, William R, Jasdeep T and Daanyal A.

Year 3; Olivia, Simran P, Izaan Z, Seth M, Josie DF and Nana-Kofi KY.

Well done to everyone.

Kind regards

Jenny Sherry