

Hello everyone,

It's been a fun few weeks here at school. We finally had our school parliament visit the Houses of Parliament and I very much look forward to their debates here at school. Who knows what they will change but it promises to be very exciting! The art competition was great fun, thank-you to all of you that helped the children with their 'Respect' typographic artwork. We await the winners with baited breath!



I wanted to clarify a text that was sent out regarding forgotten items being brought to the office. We will of course continue to provide items to children that have been forgotten but please do remember that our office can get very stretched at busy times. Additionally, we do want to encourage the children to be independent and remember all of their equipment or belongings. I apologise for any confusion.



As the nights draw in and the days get shorter, please remind the children to remember their coats, hats and everything else they need to keep warm. Despite our best efforts we are always reminding children to put on their jumpers or coats when playing. Also, please make sure that everything is labelled with the child's name - almost all lost clothing is found if it has a name.

On a very serious note, please take a moment to talk over firework safety with your children, whatever their age. Every year we read about accidents caused by lack of knowledge or reckless behaviour with dangerous fireworks and we do not want to hear about any incidents here at school. We are also discussing firework safety in class with the children.



Our attendance figures have not been as good as usual at the start of this term. A big shout-out and thank-you to year 4 who are doing really well but I must inform year 1 that their attendance is low at the moment. Missed days from school add up very quickly and have a huge impact on children's learning. Please make every effort to be in school, on time, every day.

The school day finishes at **3.40pm Monday to Thursday and at 3pm on Friday's**. If you are delayed, in collecting your child, please call the school, at the earliest opportunity, to inform us. If you are late in collecting your child, they will be taken to the library. You will need to come to the school office where a teaching assistant will be able to sign your child out. Please bear with us, as we want this process to be as calm and slick as possible to ensure we are safeguarding all students to the highest level possible. Thank you for your patience.



**Feeding the
Community**

Finally, I hope you received the lovely letter from one of our year 1 students to tell you all about our non-uniform day. The last day of this half term (Friday 20th October) will be a fundraising day for our local food bank as well as victims of the devastating hurricanes that caused so much damage in the Caribbean. Children are to wear 'Autumn colours' and bring in a £2 donation for the hurricane relief, as well as tinned or dried food to give to our local foodbank. Giving to charity is a major part of Civitas and we want to help those near and far. Please get in touch if you would like to be involved.

We hope you all have a lovely week and as ever, if you want to discuss anything please come and see me in the playground.

Thank-you,

Mr Watkins

KEY DATES

12th October 4pm	Reception parents	How we teach maths workshop
13th October, 3:30pm	Year 6 parents	Year 6 Secondary transfer meeting
17 th / 19 th October	Whole School	Parent consultations—please see teacher to book your appointment
20th October 8.45am	Parents of pupils who receive Speech and Language Therapy	Coffee morning
20th October	Whole School	Non-uniform Day (Autumn colours—£2) Also bring some food for the food bank. Please see separate letter.
23 rd – 27 th October	Whole school	HALF TERM
30 th October	Whole school	Staff training day (SCHOOL CLOSED)
31 st October / 2 nd November	Selected pupils	Individual Provision Plan Team Meetings for children with special needs (replaces Parents consultations)
24 th November	Whole school	Staff training day (SCHOOL CLOSED)
1 st December	Year 6	Anti-bullying workshop (in school)
4 th – 7 th December	Whole school	Assessment week
4 th – 7 th December	Whole school	Book fair
w/c 4 th December	Years 1-6	Clubs finish
8 th December	Whole school	Staff training day (SCHOOL CLOSED)
20 th December	Whole school	Last day of term (School finishes at 12pm)
4 th January	Whole school	Children return to school

Attendance Report by Form : 02/10/17 to 06/10/17

Attendance:

Well done to year 4 and year 6.

Year 1—try to improve your attendance next week!
Our target is 97%.

