



Newsletter 9

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Dear Parents/Carers

EWO visit: the education Welfare Officer (EWO) checked the registers this week and asked me to remind you of a few things. If a child's attendance falls below 90% then the EWO may contact you to discover the reason and to offer support and help if necessary. If there is no improvement after the contact then there are steps to use and Surrey schools are now beginning to start to impose fines of £100 or very occasionally custodial sentences.

The School Governors have a long standing policy where they may impose a fine of £100 on Year 2 parents if their children are absent during the SATs period. It is rarely used.

To encourage children to achieve full attendance a new set of certificates, pencils and pens have been given to school to reward the children on a termly basis.

Attendance

If your child is ill and unable to attend school, please notify the school office before 9.30am. If we are not contacted we will ring to ask for an explanation of your child's absence.

Bumps to the Head: just to remind parents, if your child has sustained a bump to their head or body that we need to let you know about we give them a pre-printed letter to put in their book bag to let you know what happened. This letter has either a head map or a body map so that you can see where the injury was sustained. Please do check book bags on a daily basis for these as your child may not remember it is in there.

Spirit of Send calendar: an ideal Christmas present for just £5 is the delightful collection of photographs from around the village and through the seasons. They are available from the school office, where you can see a copy of it before you buy if you wish. Thanks to Send Business centre who helped support the project and the governors of St Bede's School for organising it.

St Bede's Junior School Ofsted report is now available on line for you to read if you wish. I wrote a covering letter with it to explain why the commentary doesn't match the grades. In brief, the school has made good improvements since the previous inspection. The children's attainments are good, the 2011 English results were significantly better than the national average and the Maths results better than the national average. Children feel happy, safe and secure at the school. Safeguarding was outstanding. Enjoy the read.

Parking: I've just received a complaint from a local resident about inconsiderate parking in that the exit from his drive was blocked. The governors are working with the PCSO to try and come up with some ideas for improvement but at the end of the day it's the small group of parents who need to redress this problem. We want to have good relationships with our neighbours so please can all of you co-operate and park sensibly, safely and considerately, thank you.

Major work to renew water mains in Send, Woking: we have been informed that Balfour Beatty Utility Solutions is currently undertaking renewal of the water mains in Clandon/Send on behalf of Veolia Water Central. As part of this work it will be necessary for them to close Tythebarns Lane between the A247 and Ripley Road from Wednesday 9th November 2011 for up to four weeks. The diversion route for this road closure will be via Hungry Hill Lane/Rose Lane/Portsmouth Road (B2215).

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact their Helpline on 0800 121 44 44.

School Photographs

Your child will be coming home with their school photograph proofs today. Please note, the return date for orders is **not** 16th November, but will be Friday 18th November 2011. We must have your proofs back by that day otherwise you may incur postage charges for them to be sent out to you separately.

PTA Bingo

Please support the PTA fundraising for the school and buy a ticket for the bingo night next Friday (18th) and rest assured that you will be warmly welcomed if you come alone or in a group. Join in the fun, there are cash prizes and a raffle to be won.

And finally: When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes

Have a good weekend.

Best wishes



Interim Headteacher



Dates for the diary: more detailed information will be given closer to the events.

17 November	Governors' Drop In Session regarding School Federation Consultation (3pm to 4pm)	
17 November	Governors' L&A committee meeting 4 pm	
18 November	Return date for School Photograph orders	
18 November	PTA Bingo night	
1 December	Governors' F&P committee meeting 4.30 pm	
3 December	Christmas Fair 11 – 1 pm	
12 December	pm Christmas Performance for Grandparents	
13 December	Theatre group performance for the children	
14 December	am Christmas Performance for parents pm Nursery play tbc	
15 December	am Christmas Performance for parents am Nursery play – 11am	
16 December	Closing date for return of Consultation Response Forms	
19 December	Christmas parties	
20 December	End of term 2.00 p.m.	
5 January 2012	School & Nursery reopen	