



Friday 11th November 2022

Parents' Meetings

Thank you to all the parents who took the time to speak to their child's class teacher this week. Over 80% of parents attended and I was really pleased with the positive feedback you gave the teachers. I hope you found it useful to learn about the progress your child is making this term. We will also have told you about some targets that your child is working on in class. Your child will bring home a paper copy of these targets. If you don't receive this target sheet, please contact your child's class teacher by ringing the main office. You should also contact us if you need more information on how to support your child with their targets at home at any time during the year. If you didn't attend, you can still make an appointment to see your child's class teacher. Please contact the main office if you want to do this.

Reading

Recently, parents of our younger children received an information sheet outlining what their child will learn in their phonics lessons this half-term. The sheet also explained how you can support your child at home with their early reading. Please keep going over the sounds and tricky words that your child has already been taught. Please also try to hear your child read for at least ten minutes a day. If you haven't seen this information, you can find it under the "Letters to Parents" section of the school website.

Parenting Smart

The children's mental health charity, Place2Be, has developed a website called Parenting Smart. The website aims to help parents deal with situations that can arise between themselves and their children. Parenting Smart also gives practical tips from mental health experts on how to support a child's wellbeing. The Parenting Smart website can be found by following this link: <https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

Attendance

The table below shows the attendance for each class last week. Each week, our whole-school attendance should be at least 96%. Congratulations to years 5 and 6 for having an attendance of 100%!

Upper Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
95.3%	94.8%	94.1%	98.8%	92.3%	100%	100%	96.2%

Word of the Month

We must allow our children to learn and use new words. Each month, the children are introduced to a special word that is displayed in the classroom. Below, you will find the word of the month for each class in November:

- Year 1 - despair
- Year 2 - narrow
- Year 3 - extreme
- Year 4 - contemplate
- Year 5 - diminished
- Year 6 - fractious

We hope that our children can soon tell each other what the word means, use it correctly in their work and spell it correctly in their writing. Please encourage your child to use the word of the month at home.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson
Headteacher