

**Welcome to this week's digital newsletter. This half term is going by very quickly. 124 pupils still have 100% attendance and 176 pupils have attendance which is higher than 96% which is very positive. Thank you for supporting your child by ensuring they are in school and on time where ever possible.**

### **Drop off in the morning**

Please remember that doors open ten minutes early at 8.45am. It is helpful for everyone that you do not arrive too early as we want to reduce the amount of time adults spend in the grounds. We are not necessarily able to open doors earlier than this if the weather is bad as staff are preparing for the start of the day.

Thank you.

### **Motivation Mountain**

We are excited to be working on a new whole school project which focuses on developing good learning skills and habits (metacognition). We will share more with you in next week's newsletter.

### **Keeping Safe**

#### Face Masks

Please remember if you need to enter the building, we respectfully request that you wear a face mask if you are able to do so. We are following current guidance and pupils are not expected to wear face masks at any time.

Thank you.

### **Nursery**

It is appreciated that you do not arrive too early to collect your child. Morning Nursery ends at 11.45am and the afternoon session finishes at 3.30pm

Thank you.

## **School Meal Menu for next week**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Vegetarian sausage roll Seasonal vegetables Fresh fruit with ice cream	Roast turkey with stuffing and gravy Seasonal potatoes & vegetables Fresh fruit with bite-size orange cake	Beef burger in a bread bun Diced potatoes & seasonal vegetables Strawberry mousse	Chicken curry & rice Seasonal vegetables Chocolate cookie	Fishcake & chips Seasonal vegetables Flapjack
Fresh Fruit Served Daily Homemade Bread Served Minimum Twice a Week				

## COVID-19

Derbyshire County Council have updated this advisory document to make it clearer and easier to understand:

<https://schoolsnet.derbyshire.gov.uk/site-elements/documents/administration/advice-for-parents-covid-absence-september-2020.pdf>

## Attendance

Pupil attendance is expected to be at least 96% across the year.

**Whole school attendance this week was 92.5%**

*Well done to Reception and Year 1 for achieving expected attendance.*

**Achievement of pupils at expected level**

**Pupils at risk of underachieving**

**Pupils underachieving**

Class	Attendance %
Nursery (am)	81.6%
Nursery (pm)	85.7%
Reception	96%
Year 1	96.1%
Year 2	91.2%
Year 3	93.2%
Year 3/4	94.1%
Year 4	90%
Year 5	91.8%
Year 6	86.1%

## Reading at home

Please support your child with their reading development by sharing reading activities regularly. Hearing them read, talking about the book, asking questions, making predictions and working out what words mean are all really important. It is valuable for children to practise the reading skills they are taught in groups at school at home with you.

## Dates to remember

Uniform orders and Christmas dinner orders due **Friday 16 October 2020**.

Photographs are to be ordered direct from **pics4school.com** using the unique security code on the proof picture by **Wednesday 21 October 2020**.

The deadline for applications to secondary school for Y6 pupils is **midnight on Saturday 31 October 2020**.

## Pupil's belongings

Please remember to write your child's name in their belongings. We already have quite a number of un-named jumpers and cardigans which we are unable to keep in school. If unclaimed, they will be disposed of.

Please also remember that we have asked that pupils do not bring unnecessary items into school. Please leave toys at home. Pupils need to remember to bring a water bottle and their reading book daily (Friday is book changing day) and homework upon completion.