



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

House Points

Franklins 99

Rockingham 45

Silverstone 90

Sixfields 134

Stars of the Week

Rabbits: All Year 1 Students
 Squirrels: All Year 1 Students
 Foxes: Joanna
 Badgers: Evie
 Otters: Mimi



Attendance

Rabbits 94%
 Squirrels 95.2%
 Foxes 94.3%
 Badgers 96.3%
 Otters 91.1%
School 94.6%

Hello All,

This week I would like to draw your attention to the thorny problem of taking holidays in school time. It would be almost inhuman of me not to recognise that some families simply cannot afford to go away during the school holidays. I also understand that there are very rare occasions that time off cannot be taken, at will, from specific jobs - teaching is an example of this.

This year, so far, 32 different pupils have had a family holiday recorded on their attendance record; this amounts to 214 sessions of learning missed and well over 400 lessons taught to empty chairs. I am also aware that there are further absences pending...

I would like to suggest that electing to take time off during the school term sends a subliminal message about the importance of school in pupils' lives, which could adjust attitudes to learning and therefore affect long term success. Good teaching means that lessons are joined up and they link, they should flow logically with layer upon layer knowledge-based skill building up and developing all children's minds. Any sessions missed unnecessarily can also make future learning more challenging for children which, again, could affect long term success.

I would like to imagine that all families really do consider very carefully the risk before taking holidays in school time. I would urge you all to consider the wider implications to learning when thinking about next year's holidays.

Finally, being a small community school means that we all know each other in a little more detail than some of the larger schools in the area. We welcome parents and carers onto our premises and it is inevitable that parents talk to children who are family friends and this interaction really does help us to build a community feel. However, if there is a perceived problem that has been reported home by your children I must insist that the staff are made aware and then the school can resolve the issue rather than challenging other children about it.

As ever, if there are any observations, comments or questions please don't hesitate to contact me. The details are below.

Thank you all,

Sol Johnson.

Rounders Club

There are still spaces left for Rounders Club with Miss Avery for Years 4, 5 or 6 students who would like to come along on a Thursday evening from 3:30 till 4:30. Please let the school office know if you would like to join.

If you require care after 4:30 the wrap around will still be available with Mr Bland.



Summer Cup Raffle

Raffle tickets are still available. If you would like to purchase some please come to the school office. Tickets are £1 and all money raised goes towards the Inspiration Fund.



David Ross Education Trust
Broadening Horizons

Ice Packs

The school seems to be running low on Ice Packs. If you have any that have been brought home by accident please could you return them to the school office.



Diary Dates

16 th June 2018 2pm-5pm	Summer Fete
29 th June 2018	Dance Festival
3 rd July 2018	Summer Cup
6 th July 2018	Sports Day
9 th July – 10 th July 2018	Life Education Bus
10 th , 11 th & 13 th July 2018 6pm	KS2 Production
12 th July 2018	Welton School Talent Show
17 th – 18 th July 2018	Year 5 Grendon Residential
20th July 2018	School Closes – Last Day

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