



# The Wickford C of E School Newsletter



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## ATTENDANCE TARGET:

97%

## WHOLE SCHOOL

ATTENDANCE FOR THIS  
WEEK: 95.5%

## CLASS ATTENDANCE:

For the week beginning  
17th July 2017, attendance  
was as follows:

Elf: 85.2%

Pixie: 98.9%

Unicorn: 94.3%

Gnome: 95.5%

Dragon: 100 %

Phoenix: 100 %

Paddingtons: None this  
week

Dragon:

Unicorn:

Elf:

Pixie:

Gnome:

Phoenix:

Golden Table:

Dear Parent,

What a wonderful week. We have enjoyed swimming pool day, the final induction for our new children, visiting church, pen prizes and finally, today, the last day of the school year.

**CHURCH SERVICE** What a great turn out, thank you to all who came.

**ACHIEVEMENTS** Well, we have shared results for the year with Governors and so we must reflect upon our achievements with the wider community. We are very proud of you all.

The Foundation Stage have again scored highly, the best result in four years with 82%.

Year One have met a very high target of 93% with their phonic test! Well done.

Year Two have higher than national data in all subjects. We are very proud of everyone. The children working at Greater Depth have achieved particularly highly.

Well done, this has been a fabulous year for everyone!

**ANOTHER REMINDER REGARDING PRIMARY STATUS** You have not been told anything as we have not been given any further information from the Local Authority. As soon as I hear I will let you know, I promise!

**SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT QUESTIONNAIRES** Thank you for your comments and reflections from this year. We review all of them during our Inset days in July and September; we reflect positively on the achievements and use your suggestions to continue to strive towards an even better school with the new development plan for 2017/18. Of course, there will be things we simply cannot accommodate due to funding but we will do our level best to consider how we can include some things that have been put forward. We will post results in the new year.

We have also spoken to your children, they love:

Maths, Squeebles, Science, Sports Day, Holy Space, Swimming Pool Day, HEARTS competitions, school trips, the Big Quiz, Art and the teachers and staff! The children loved raising money for charity

Unicorn class reflected heavily on the love of Janeway and Casper and the desire to have a cookery club. Dragons loved the sports coaches, drumming and writing and wanted to have scooter club, little dens in the playground and a longer lunchtime!! Elf class loved going on the big playground, learning outside and drumming. They wanted more playtime and a football club.

Results were put together and the whole school thoughts are that the children would like to see:

- More swimming pool days
- Slides and an obstacle course in the playground
- The school being a primary so they could stay longer
- A place to ride their bikes and scooters.

Surprisingly no one suggested the McDonalds drive thru this year!!

**CLASS DOJO** Class dojo in full use and a great tool for parent communication and engagement with pupil's work in school.

Survey results are as follows:

97% find Dojo easy to use

86% Say their child likes engaging with it.

92% Think Dojo has enabled them to be kept informed.

91% Said we should keep Dojo as a way of engaging with parents.

Comments refer to thanking staff for their time, how it matches to the topics/themes on overviews and noticeboards and enables them to stay in touch. A few would like homework on paper and miss Tapestry....

We will feed this into our reflection of the year. Thank you for your time.

**MRS MERRINGTON** In September, Mrs Merrington and Casper will be working with us on a Thursday. After 18 years of continued dedication and service she has made the (sad on our part) decision to spend a bit more time playing the piano, enjoying her many crafts, love of yoga and visiting garden centres. Mr Merrington needs to be wary of the number of plants that come around the side gate in the months to come!

She was one of the first TAs to train and introduce Spanish to our children as a result of parent choice and survey. The delivery of Spanish is, as it is, because of the drive Mrs Merrington has. She has a high attention to detail, precision and high standards all the way. She will be missed greatly throughout the week, we will look forward to seeing her on a Thursday. I take this opportunity to thank her for all she has done for the school community.

**MRS GRAY** In September Mrs Gray will have the wonderful opportunity to work in Dubai and she will leave the nurture group to enjoy this experience. We wish her well.

**VILLAGE AFRICA** This year we have raised a little over £1500!!! This is a fantastic achievement, thank you to everyone for their support. We will ensure that Caroline receives these donations and keeps us posted on the ambulance service.

**SWIMMING POOL DAY** Always a favourite in our school calendar! A great chance to have fun and soak the teachers!! I hope your little one enjoyed the events of Tuesday!

**OUR STAFF** This year has been a productive and inspiring year, results are high and the team are just that, a great team! We look forward to another year of fun and hard work.... but after we have all enjoyed a great deal of sleep!

I remember a university lecturer, many years ago saying 'a teacher who's 'jug was empty at the end of the day, was one who had literally poured their heart and soul into their little people'. I know my team work extremely hard and always do the very best they can, the children come first. I wish them all a wonderful holiday.

**TERM DATES** The new holiday dates and parent surveys were discussed at the Director's meeting this week, we thank those who took the time to send thoughts and feedback. The 6 days of closure were ratified. We will review the organisation of this decision throughout the year and will discuss as a Trust, the ways of supporting families where possible.

***A MOMENT OF LOVELINESS***

**YEAR 2** We wish each and every member of Dragon and Phoenix class the very best of luck and happiness for the future. This group of children are a pleasure to work with and have really excelled all expectation, we hope they continue to move forward making us proud. We hope you come back and visit!

We say goodbye to many families who have been with us for many years, families who have had as many as three children through the school. We have loved working with you.

The holiday will see Mrs Boswell busy with her carpet cleaner in all sorts of places I am sure, the hall floor being restored to its former glory before the flooding last winter and the hall doors being replaced to complete the grand makeover!!

Have a fantastic holiday, stay safe. We will be open again on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

Louise Johnson