



The Wickford C of E School

Little Teds
Pre-School

Newsletter

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ATTENDANCE TARGET:
97%

Dear parent

Welcome back! What a great first week we have had. It has been lovely to see our school full of happy faces and noise. The six weeks holiday is always so quiet. Mr and Mrs Boswell have worked hard to ensure the school looks amazing, we thank them for their hard work.

**WHOLE SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE FOR THIS
WEEK: 99.02%**

ABSENCE Attached, for your guidance, is information regarding childhood absences. If your child is ill, please call the office before 9:20am.

CLASS ATTENDANCE:

For the week beginning
3rd September 2018
attendance was as
follows:

LATE ARRIVALS A reminder that your child must be in school before 8:50am as this is when registers are taken and dinner choices are made. Arrivals after this time will mean that you need to register your child as 'Late' in the school office. Arrival after 9:20 will mean that your child's absence will be recorded as unauthorized and remain on your child's record.

Flamingo: 100%

Doors open at 8:35am and learning opportunities are planned for your child. A few reminders for you:

Parrot: 93.3%

Penguin: 98.4%

Puffin: 99.3%

Robin: 100%

Wren: 100%

THURSDAY UNIFORM Please ensure children wear brown joggers/black shorts in warmer weather. Remember trainers as well please.

JEWELLERY We are a 'jewellery free' school. All items must be removed before the school day, this is in the prospectus and explained at induction.

Well done all!

HAIR CUTS Please be cautious where hair length differs greatly, I know the fashion seems to be for little boys to have shaved parts and longer lengths. Please avoid such cuts during the term time, also remembering that carvings and patterns are not permitted.

HAIR RIBBONS It was wonderful to see every child in assembly wearing ribbons of school colours and discreet in size. Thank you!

BIKES AND SCOOTERS You are most welcome to use the shelter opposite the ball court if you would like to store your child's mode of transport during the day! Please encourage them to walk their bike/scooter from the gates please.

NOTICEBOARDS Please do check all boards for notes and general information that you need to know. Staff have added topic information, 'who's who' in the room and the Twitter links can also be found there.

DATES FOR DIARY Attached are the dates of the most significant events this term, please keep them safe or note them on a calendar. It will give you some warning about special days. There are, at times, changes but we do our very best

to keep to those we have set.

I know grandparents in particular love booking special trips to theatres, knowing the date we are going to a pantomime might be useful.

Food choices Please ensure the office is fully informed of your child's dietary needs. This may relate to health, faith or lifestyle choices.

Milk For children in years 1 & 2, if you would like your child to have milk and have not already done so, please could you inform the office. The cost for this half term is £8.96.

Foundation Stage Parrott and Flamingo classes will be staying for lunch from Monday and will be in all day from Friday.

Moments of loveliness Welcome to Mr Hyams, a teaching student working in Foundation Stage. It has been a wonderful start to the school year, Parrot and Flamingo classes are settling well. They were absolutely amazing during the first assembly on Wednesday morning and even better learning to sing our songs during Singing Assembly yesterday! We have been discussing the use of good manners, words such as 'please, thank you, may I and you're welcome', please continue to practise at home.

Hire the hall Need to organise a children's party? Need some space to run an event? If so, please note that the school hall is available for hire. Prices start at £85 for a three hour slot, but we can arrange bookings for shorter or longer periods to suit your needs. Just call into the office if you are interested.

Have a wonderful weekend; it has been a great first week back. See you Monday.

Mrs Johnson and the CofE team.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE CHART

The chart below is provided by the Missing Education and Child Employment Service (MECES) formerly the Education Welfare Service. This is intended to be shared with parents and carers in order to ensure that expectations about school attendance are clear.

A child with 89% attendance at the end of an academic year will have missed 21 days of school (over four school weeks of learning missed). Whilst 89% is a positive achievement in an examination/test, 89% attendance would warrant a significant level of concern.

Any child with attendance below 90% is considered a Persistent Absentee.

Descriptor	Threshold attendance	Actual attendance	Whole days of absence	Learning Hours Lost
Excellent	100%	190 days	0	0
	99%	188 days	2	10
Good	98%	186 days	4	20
	97%	184 days	6	30
	96%	182.5 days	7.5	37.5
Cause for Concern	95%	180.5 days	9.5	47.5
	94%	179 days	11	55
	93%	177 days	13	65
	92%	175 days	15	75
	91%	173 days	17	85
Unsatisfactory	90%	171 days	19	95
	89%	169 days	21	105
	88%	167 days	23	115
	87%	165 days	25	125
Serious cause for concern	86%	163 days	27	135
	85%	161.5 days	28.5	142.5
Critical	84%	159.5 days	30.5	152.5
	83%	158 days	32	160
	82%	156 days	34	170
	81%	154 days	36	180
	80%	152 days	38	190

What to do
Advice on
childhood illnesses

Go to school; if
needed get
treatment as shown

Can be catching.
Some restrictions for
school attendance

Don't go to school
and see the GP

What it's called	What it's like	Going to school	Getting treatment	More advice
Chicken Pox	Rash begins as small, red, flat spots that develop into itchy fluid-filled blisters	●	Pharmacy	Back to school 5 days after on-set of the rash
Common Cold	Runny nose, sneezing, sore throat	●	Pharmacy	Ensure good hand hygiene
Conjunctivitis	Teary, red, itchy, painful eye(s)	●	Pharmacy	Try not to touch eye to avoid spreading
Flu	Fever, cough, sneezing, runny nose, headache body aches and pain, exhaustion, sore throat	●	Pharmacy	Ensure good hand hygiene
German measles	Fever, tiredness. Raised, red, rash that starts on the face and spreads downwards.	●	G.P.	Back to school 6 days from on-set of rash
Glandular fever	high temperature, sore throat; usually more painful than any before and swollen glands	●	G.P.	Child needs to be physically able to concentrate
Hand, foot & mouth disease	Fever, sore throat, headache, small painful blisters inside the mouth on tongue and gums (may appear on hands and feet)	●	G.P.	Only need to stay off ill feeling too ill for school
Head lice	Itchy scalp (may be worse at night)	●	Pharmacy	
Impetigo	Clusters of red bumps or blisters surrounded by area of redness	●	G.P.	Back to school when lesions crust or 48 hours after start of antibiotics
Measles	Fever, cough, runny nose, and watery inflamed eyes. Small red spots with white or bluish white centres in the mouth, red, blotchy rash	●	G.P.	Back to school 4 days from on-set of rash
Ringworm	Red ring shaped rash, may be itchy rash may be dry and scaly or wet and crusty	●	G.P.	
Scabies	Intense itching, pimple – like rash Itching and rash may be all over the body but commonly between the fingers, wrists, elbows, arm	●	G.P.	Back to school after first treatment
Shingles	Pain, itching, or tingling along the affected nerve pathway. Blister-type rash	●	G.P.	Only stay off school if rash is weeping and cannot be covered
Sickness bug/ diarrhoea	Stomach cramps, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea	●	Pharmacy	See GP if symptoms persist after 48 hours
Threadworms	Intense itchiness around anus	●	Pharmacy	Ensure good hand hygiene
Tonsillitis	Intense Sore throat	●	Pharmacy	See GP if temperature lasts more than 48 hours or cannot swallow
Whooping cough	Violent coughing, over and over, until child inhales with "whooping" sound to get air into lungs	●	G.P.	Back to school after 5 days of antibiotics or 21 days from onset of illness

See www.patient.co.uk for further information on each of these conditions

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This information is a guide and has been checked by health professionals however, if you are unsure about your child's wellbeing we recommend you contact your pharmacy or GP to check.

Dates for diary - September 2018

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Wednesday 5 th September	All children back to school Breakfast/After school club starts
Monday 10 th September	Foundation Stage for dinner and playtime <i>all week</i>
Thursday 13 th September	Pre-School begins
Friday 14 th September	Foundation Stage first full day for those who have completed transition visits. FACES pre-loved uniform sale
Monday 17 th September	Clubs start
Wednesday 19 th September	Maths/phonics Workshop at 1:30pm for year 1 parents to be led by Miss Bristow
Wednesday 26 th September	Year 2 English/Maths meeting 1:30pm. Led by Miss Bristow/Miss Springall
Thursday 4 th October	Big Breakfast - come to school in your PJ's! 8am in the hall. Donations letter will follow.
Monday 1 st October	Compulsory parent meeting for children wishing to attend year 2 sleep over 4:00pm
Monday 1 st October	Year 2 Cathedral visit
Wednesday 3 rd October	Flying start sessions for new FS parents at 9am - Focus: ERR. Led by Mrs Johnson and followed by observations of class sessions. No crèche facilities
Wednesday 10 th October	Flying start session for new FS parents at 9am - Focus: Fine motor skills and developing early writing. Led by Mrs Tarplett
Friday 12 th October	FACES pre-loved uniform sale
Monday 15 th October	HALF TERM
Monday 29 th October	Back to school
Date to be confirmed	Drumming commences
Wednesday 31 st October	Maths Workshop at 9am for EYFS parents to be led by Mrs Tarplett/Miss Bristow.
Wednesday 31 st October	Parent consultation evening 3-5pm
Thursday 1 st November	Parent consultation evening 3:45 - 7:00pm
Friday 7 th December	Year 2 sleepover
Date to be confirmed	Drumming assembly 11:00am
Friday 23 rd November	FACES pre-loved uniform sale

Tuesday 11 th December	Pantomime at Thameside Theatre Grays.
Thursday 13 th December	Dress rehearsal for Christmas concert - last possible deadline for costumes.
Friday 14 th December	Concert 1:30pm - Siblings welcome
Monday 17 th December	Concert 1:30pm
Tuesday 18 th December	Concert 9:30am
Wednesday 19 th December	Last day of term Christmas dinner day and Christmas jumper day - Save the Children collection £1. 11am Church service - TBC FACES - Christmas Party during the afternoon.

Naturally, in a busy school these dates may change. We will do our best to notify you as quickly as possible if we need to make changes.