



PRINCE OF WALES
PRIMARY SCHOOL & CHILDREN'S CENTRE



NEWSLETTER 1st March 2013

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Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Friends,

Welcome back to the second half of Spring Term. I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable half term break with your children.

We are midway through the school year and there is much work to do to ensure your children make the progress they are capable of. The teachers regularly assess their work and you will receive another report card to discuss at Parents' evening on Tuesday 26th March. You don't need to wait until then to find out how well your child is doing. Make an appointment with the class teachers or attend the weekly after school drop-in session. It is ONLY by working together that your child achieves success; after all, they spend 90% of time with you in and around the home. Every day counts.

I look forward to continuing the positive relationship we have developed for the benefit of all our children.

Mr Jan M Bless
Headteacher

Reminders

PE Kits: In some classes 1/3 of children have not got their PE kit with them. Please ensure they have this with them next week. Only for real medical reasons, ideally accompanied by a doctor's note, can a child be withdrawn from PE or swimming.

Personal belongings: Baseball caps are not part of school uniform unless they are the school caps. We have spoken to children individually but they keep bringing them into school. Personal belongings and sweets should not be taken into school and may be confiscated and only be returned to an adult. School caps can be purchased at the school office for £3.50.

Shoes: Children should come to school in black shoes with black laces. Trainers are not acceptable other than for use during PE.

Jewellery: The only jewellery worn are little studs in ears. Children are starting to wear larger earrings which are not part of our agreed policy.

Attendance

KS1

1C 96.00% 2R 94.00%
1M 96.89% 2S **97.58%**
1N 91.72%

KS2

3D 96.15% 4A 91.03% 5F 97.00%
3F 95.51% 4K 92.14% 5G 97.58%
3W 97.03% 4U 95.00% 6B **99.33%**
6H 96.66%



Well done to 2S & 6B for best attendance this week.

School Target: 95%

Overall attendance since September: 94.46%

Post OFSTED visit by HMI Inspectors

We are looking forward to welcoming two HMI Inspectors on Tuesday 5th March who will be looking for evidence that we are implementing strategies to ensure your children are able to learn well. OFSTED agreed with the main action points that were already identified in our School Development Plan. These are:

- Achievement is not consistently good throughout the school.
- Too many lessons are ineffective, resulting in some pupils not making as much progress as they should.
- Where the teaching is not good, poor behaviour prevents pupils from learning.
- Leaders' monitoring of teaching quality and how much progress pupils are making is too variable .
- In some lessons the work is not closely matched to pupils' abilities and previous knowledge so not all pupils are adequately challenged, especially the more able.
- Pupils do not always know their targets or what they need to do to improve.
- Middle leaders are not consistently sharing effective practice about teaching and learning with colleagues across the school.

Please ask you child whether they know their targets for Writing, Maths and Behaviour. We continually refer to them in lessons and they are displayed in the class. The December report card also has your child's targets. Find out from your child's teacher how you can support at home to help achieve targets.

Behaviour

This week children will be nominated for Achievement. To be a Gold Medal Learner and achieve success they have to do their best at all times. It is therefore surprising to hear what children consider to be minor misbehaviour, such as talking in class. Talking in assembly is one reason why OFSTED rated behaviour at Prince of Wales as needing improvement. Please discuss with your child what behaviour is expected in school in order for them and others to learn well.

Dates

04.03 Book Week
05.03 HMI visit
06.03 Paralympian judoka, Ian Rose
07.03 World book Day
11.03 Science Week
22.03 Report Cards
26.03 Parents' Evening
29.03 – 12.04 Easter Break
06.05 May Bank Holiday
27.05 – 31.05 Half Term Break
24.07 Staff Training (start Summer Break)

'Be the Best you can be!'

We are launching our new and exciting initiative next week 'Be the Best you can be!' with a special visit on Wednesday 6th March by Ian Rose. Ian is a successful judoka who has won medals in Paralympic games. He will be sharing his remarkable story with the children of how he became a successful sportsman and visit classes. Can your child find out more about him? Which Games did he win a medal at?