

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a very productive first half term. Children are now settled into classes and are enjoying our broad and rich Benson Bees curriculum. Lots of assessments will be taking place across the school next week so that teachers can see where your child's strengths are and to identify where gaps are too. Your children shouldn't be too worried about these assessments – some are just part of normal lessons and some will be tests. Please support us by getting children to school on time so that they gets lots of practice before assessments start each day.

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Attendance



Attendance for the school is currently at 95.95%.

Well done to you all for this fantastic achievement! The school is now very close to achieving the national target of 96% . As a reward, the children will receive a small treat to celebrate this successful start to the year!

Please continue to keep in touch with us about your child's attendance. We are always here to help.

Child Absence

When reporting an absence, you can phone the school office or leave a voicemail on the child absence line.

If you leaving are leaving message, please do this before 9.30am as the absence line will not be checked after this.



Secondary School Applications

Miss Hines is available to assist with applications on Wednesday and Thursday Mornings, until 25th October. Please book in at the front office.

After School Clubs.

New Clubs have started:

- Tues—Year 1 and 2—Multi Skills
- Wed—Year 3 and 4—Multi Skills
- Thursday—Year 5 and 6—Girls Football.

Clubs finish at 4.15pm. Please make sure that you are on time to collect your child.



Toast Money

Reminder to all parents that Toast money must be handed into school On **Mondays**. In a named envelope.



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Children's Flu Vaccine Information

The children's flu vaccine is offered as a yearly nasal spray to young children to help protect them against flu.



In the autumn/winter of 2018/19, the vaccine will be available free on the NHS for eligible children, including:

- children aged 2 and 3 on August 31 2018 – that is, children born between September 1 2014 and August 31 2016
- children in reception class and school years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
- in some parts of the country, all primary school-aged children will be offered the vaccine (following a pilot in some areas)
- children aged 2 to 17 with long-term health conditions

Flu can be a very unpleasant illness for children, with potentially serious complications, including bronchitis and pneumonia.

How to get the flu vaccine for your child

Your child's GP should contact you about getting them vaccinated before the winter.

Talk to the GP or a practice nurse if you want more information about when and how your child will be vaccinated against flu.

If you haven't heard from your GP by early November 2018, contact them directly.

Our results July 2018

KS2 Standards

Reading at age expected	43%	at greater depth	18%
Writing at age expected	70%	at greater depth	10%
Maths at age expected	58%	at greater depth	17%

KS2 Progress

Reading 2.1 Writing 2.2 Maths 0.7

KS2 Combined

40%

KS1 standards

Reading at age expected	71%	at greater depth	20%
Writing at age expected	71%	at greater depth	20%
Maths at age expected	76%	at greater depth	19%

KS1 Combined

69%

Year 1 Phonics

75%

EYFS

61% Good Level of development

Reception Places

If your child is due for Reception 2019, the deadline for this is 15th January 2019. Please apply online at

www.schooladmissions.gov.uk

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