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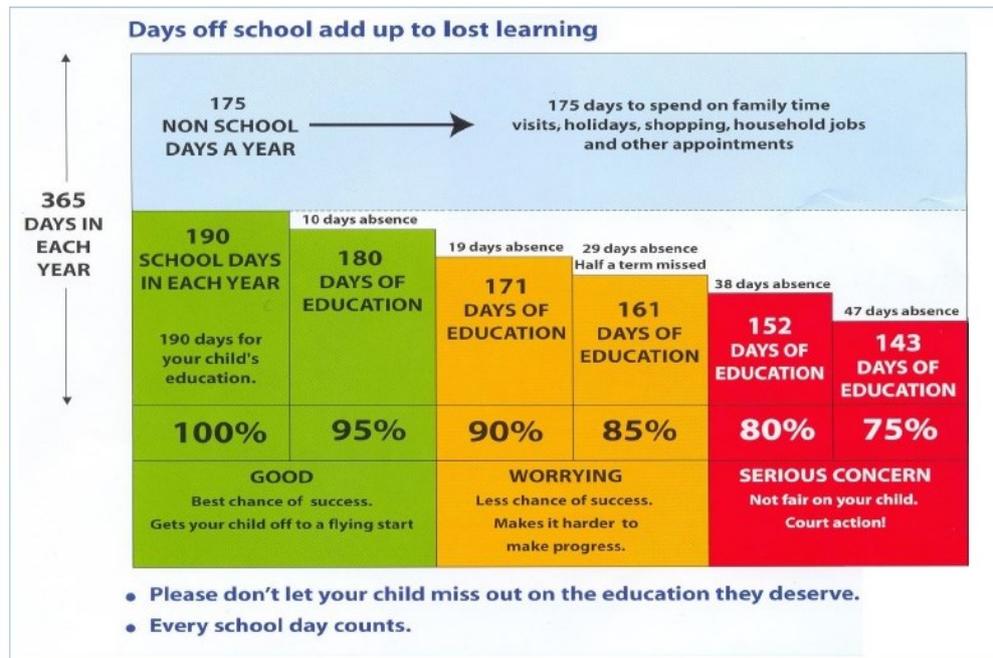
Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to term 3, I hope you all have had a relaxing break. This term we welcome Miss Emma Wright to our teaching support team and Mrs Wilmshurst is back with us until half term supporting children throughout the school.

We are sending out our winter weather guidance with this newsletter. Please keep the letter to hand for reference or you can set up email alerts for www.kentclosures.co.uk to keep informed.

This term we are focussing on attendance issues and punctuality. If your child has an attendance of less than 95% you may be receiving a letter from our Family Support Worker, Ellen Stock, to invite you to a meeting to discuss issues that are preventing your child from attending school or matters causing persistent lateness. With our attendance registers, if your child is late, after the register closes at 9.05, then they are marked as absent for the morning session, therefore persistent lateness can impact significantly on your child's attendance percentage.

Here is a chart provided by KCC attendance service that shows the importance of good attendance.



Lateness also has an impact on the parking situation in Rydal Drive. It has been clear to us, whilst patrolling the parking, that the most inconsiderate driving and parking occurs after 8.45 am when parents are running late.

You will have also noticed that we have clarified the car park signage in an effort to make the car park safer to cross for our pupils and parents. The car park is for staff, official visitors and blue badge holders only. Parents collecting from Beehive may have access on the understanding that they drive safely, manoeuvre with extreme care and park considerately in the car park. If we see any evidence of dangerous or inconsiderate driving in the car park this privilege will be revoked. Thank you for your support on this matter.

William in Year 6 is raising money for **Cancer Research UK** by taking part in a sponsored silence on **Monday the 4th February**. Sadly William lost his Grandpa to cancer last year and as a result he is determined that no one else should suffer in the way his Grandpa did.

William's just giving page is: <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/williams-giving-page-132>
He will also be carrying round a bucket for donations on the day if you prefer to donate in person.
Well done William!

From the school office:

Please can all PE kits be in school all week. We have noticed children doing PE with no kit – should this continue next week they will have to sit out of that class.



The amount of unnamed logo uniform that ends up in the lost property box is disturbing – please name your child's uniform! All children accidentally leave items on the playground or the hall and we would like to give their belongings back to them! Jumpers, cardigans, coats, gloves, scarves, shoes are the biggest culprits!

Changes to Parent Consultations

Parent consultations for all years, Nursery to Year 6, will be held on Monday March 18th from 5pm to 7.30pm, Tuesday 19th from 2.30pm until 4pm and Wednesday 20th 2.30pm to 4pm.

We are trialling the new timings as a result of analysing the data from the online booking system. It is clear that many parents have a preference for time slots between 3.30pm and 4pm. From discussions with parents this is because it is easier to wait around at school pick up time than to come back later in the evening when a baby sitter may be required.

We do realise however that the later evening is still essential for working parents so we are keeping the one late evening session as we have always done.

For the 45min the teacher is absent from the class, children will be undertaking independent learning tasks under the supervision of experienced Teaching Assistants.



Redwood Forest School



Year 6 Trip to The Imperial War Museum



Hazel Ice Skating Trip

