



South View News

DECEMBER 2017

Note from the Headteacher

We're there...it's CHRISTMAS!

We've had such a busy term with lots of events and great things going on here at South View. Myself and the governors would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a fabulous new year. We look forward to seeing the children back with all their Christmas stories on WEDNESDAY 3rd January 2018.

Thank you to all the mums and dads who have supported the school this year so far, it's really encouraging to hear such positive feedback about our school. If you could see your way clear to popping your thoughts onto Parent View that would be much appreciated!
<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Mrs Tomlins



Note from Mrs Henderson

Attendance for this term is 95.9%. Our aim by the end of the academic year is 97%.

Please can we also remind parents that registers are taken at 8:55! Please ensure your children arrive before this time so that they can put away their lunch boxes, take off their coats, organise their 'stuff' and be sat in their seat for the register. If for any reason you are struggling to get your child/children into school please contact Mrs Henderson or Mrs Strickland to discuss how we can support you.

If we have reason to believe that your child is **not ill and there is another reason for absence** (i.e. we have been told the family is actually on holiday!) the school is **not obliged to record the absence as illness**.

Why is attendance so important?

Regular attendance is vital to help children achieve and get the best possible start in life. Children not attending school regularly have their educational progress undermined, have lower attainment and make less progress and can also struggle to develop friendship groups at school. Parents can be taken to court under the Education Act 1996 if they don't make sure their child attends school without good reason (as defined in law) and if the child has too many unauthorised absences.

Why do I get a letter when my child's attendance is below 90%?

We will send you a letter each half term if your child's attendance is below 90%. You will receive this letter even if all of your child's absences have been authorised. This is so you are aware that your child's absence is beginning to cause a concern and may have an impact on their education. If your child has been ill for a few days at the beginning of the academic year they may receive a letter for a reason that was unavoidable; we still send the letter as we want to ensure you are informed of this concern each half term.

Isn't 90% attendance good?

If your child attends school 90%, or less, every year they are school age then by the time they sit their GCSE's or equivalent, they will have missed one whole academic year of learning.

What can I do to improve my child's attendance?

- Ensure they are in school on time every day.
- If they are seriously ill please let school know on the first morning of their illness.
- If your child has a cough or cold then they can attend school.
- If you are unsure about whether they are too ill for school then check the NHS website - www.nhs.uk/Livewell/Yourchildatschool
- Don't take holidays in school time.
- If your child has a long term illness that may impact on their attendance then please contact the school office, there may be things in school we can do to support.

If something else is making it difficult for your child to attend school every day then please speak to your child's class teacher or the school office to arrange an appointment to discuss any specific personal circumstances.

Reading Challenge

Thank you to all the parents who have been supporting their children with our reading challenge. We've been carrying out assessments of reading recently and the progress of children who have worked towards their '30 reads' has rapidly improved.

Dates for your diary:

Wed 3rd Jan – Children back to school

8th January - Clubs start up again

17th Jan FOSV meeting – 6:30 p.m.

2nd February – Year 5 and 6 to Young Voices

9th February – End of half term

19th February – Children back to school

23rd February – School discos 3-4 p.m. Foundation and KS1, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. KS2

27th February – 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. Parent's Consultation Evening

28th February – Year 3 and 4 out at Skegness, to see BBC Concert Orchestra Performance

28th February 3:30 – 6:00 p.m. – Parent's Consultation Evening

1st March – Beeches Class Assembly

7th March – FOSV Meeting 6:30 p.m.

8th March – Aspens Class Assembly

1st March – Y5 to National Space Centre, Leicester

9th March – Mother's Day Lunch

13th March – School Photographer – Group Shots

15th March – Willows Class Assembly

22nd March – Chestnuts Class Assembly

27th March – Year 3 out at Twycross Zoo

28th March – Last day of term

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

Is your joint family income UNDER £16,190 per year? Are in receipt of any of the benefits listed below:

- *Income Support*
- *Income-based Jobseekers Allowance*
- *Income-related Employment and Support Allowance*
- *Support from NASS (National Asylum Support Service) under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999*
- *the guarantee element of State Pension Credit*
- *Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190*
- *Working Tax Credit run-on*
- *Universal Credit.*

If so, you are very likely to be eligible to apply for Free School Meals. As well as this giving you the opportunity to provide your child/children with a hot meal every day, every successful application mean that the school receive an extra **£1,320** to support your child. This funding (Pupil Premium) is used to employ high quality staff, subsidise trips and events, purchase resources to support learning and ensure all pupils make good progress.

If you are ELIGIBLE to apply for free school meals PLEASE apply, EVEN IF YOUR CHILD PREFERS A PACKED LUNCH.

Please contact the school office if you require further details.

Raising Concerns

If at any point you feel it necessary to voice a concern about anything relating to your child, please make an appointment with your child's class teacher in the first instance. If you do not feel that the issue has resolved then the phase leaders are:

EYFS – Mrs Evans

KS1 – Mrs Gray

LKS2 – Miss Turner

UKS2 – Mrs Bell

Mrs Henderson (Deputy Headteacher) will be happy to have a further discussion with you but if you feel the issue remains unresolved then this will be referred to the head.

TWITTER

South View Twitter now has **193** of you following us! We hope the quick notes we tweet are helping to improve communication with you. There is a twitter link on our school website homepage. Please download the app on your phones and follow us if you are able.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2017-2018	
Term 1	
Term 2	Ends 19 th December 2017
Term 3	Begins 3rd January 2018 Ends 9th February 2018
Term 4	Begins 19th February 2018 Ends 28th March 2018
Term 5	Begins 16th April 2018 Ends 25th May 2018
Term 6	Begins 4th June 2018 Ends 20th July 2018
	TRAINING DAYS (No school for children) 4 th September 2017 30 th October 2017 2 nd January 2018 29 th March 2018 One day over academic year as twilight sessions

“Hand in hand we learn together”

