

Dear Families,

Every day we walk around the classes and visit a variety of lessons. Seeing our children trying so hard with their learning is always a pleasure. The Spring term is where so much learning takes place and children make great strides in attainment. Phonics is a main focus for children in the lower part of the school so please do keep practising the sounds at home with their reading books.

After completing our pupil survey, we are reviewing the lunchtimes so that each year group has more time to play games on offer such as football, basketball and Kingball. This means KS2 will be going out to lunch slightly later but will eat their lunch at around the same time. They will then have longer to play after lunch with fewer children on the playground and more games of football for every year group.

It has come to our attention that some children are wearing smartwatches and bringing phones to school. Smartwatches and phones present a serious safeguarding concern, in addition to being very expensive to replace if they are lost, stolen or damaged. Therefore, children need to keep their smartwatch at home and if they must bring a phone to school for travelling to and from home, then they must hand it to the office to be collected at the end of the day. If a child is found to have a smartwatch or phone at school, it will be taken to the school office until a parent is able to collect it. The school holds no responsibility for loss or damage to any item brought to school. The behaviour policy will be followed for children who bring these prohibited items to school.

We are very excited about Year 4 beginning swimming lessons after half term. These will be on Thursdays and at Hartsdown Leisure Centre, which is within walking distance. It's such an important life skill especially as we live on the coast. Year 6 will then be going once their SATs are finished in the Summer and we hope this will continue every year so that all children are given the chance to learn.

Best Wishes,

Mr T Platten

Year 5 and Year 2 have been working together this week to support each other with completing



survey's on the computer, demonstrating our school value to Community



Children's Mental Health Week



February 5th– 11th is Children's Mental Health Week. We will be focusing on this in our assemblies. If you would like to get involved at home please see the link below for free resources.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

Attendance and Lateness for Term 3

Class	Attendance %	Late Arrivals
Nursery	79.25%	2
Reception– Highlands	87.10%	12
Year 1– Pyrenees	89.15%	4
Year 2– Atlas	88.39%	7
Year 3– Rockies	86.51%	2
Year 4– Alps	94.08%	17
Year 5– Andes	90.44%	7
Year 6– Himalayas	87.89%	10
Total for Term 3	88.4%	61

Diary Dates

February 2024

2nd– Wildwood Trip
 2nd– Railway Safety Centre
 9th– The Astronomy Roadshow
 9th– Last day of term
 19th– INSET Day
 20th– First day back of term
 21st– Parents Evening
 23rd– Safety in Action at Dreamland

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7th– World Book Day
 12th– Puppet making parent session
 28th– Last day of term
 29th– Bank holiday

It can be tricky deciding whether you child is well enough to go to school. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to call the school office or visit the link below for NHS guidance.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Please remember we will always call you if your child is unwell and needs to come home!



Wrap around care now available!



**INCLUSIVE
SPORT**

Monday—Thursday

15:10—17:00

BOOK ONLINE: <https://inclusive-sport.classforkids.io/camp/34>



Please be reminded that Salmestone is a nut free school. If you provide your child with a packed lunch please ensure there is nothing which contains nuts.

