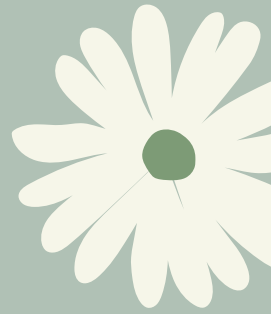


# HECKINGTON ST. ANDREW'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



27th April 2023



Dear Parents & Carers,

I wanted to highlight the importance of regular attendance at school. I appreciate that it has been difficult over the last few years due to the pandemic, but we now seem to have returned to some form of normality. As such, we do expect our pupils to attend school every possible day that they can. Missing a day from the school term can impact in many ways and we believe that it is only by attending school regularly and punctually that children and young people will be able to take full advantage of the educational opportunities available to them. High standards of attainment and achievement depend on good attendance.

The whole school community – students, parents and carers, teaching and support staff and school governors – have a responsibility for ensuring good school attendance and have important roles to play and we would ask for your support in this. Children are expected to attend school every day unless they are ill or must attend an appointment which cannot take place outside of school time. Leave of absence during term time will only be granted in exceptional circumstances and requests must be made, in advance, to the Head Teacher using the forms available from the office. Please do not take your children out of school unless it is absolutely necessary as disruptions to time in school mean your child misses vital learning opportunities. Sometimes it could be a vital part of the building blocks your child needs to access further learning.

We are striving for every child to have attendance of 95% and above over the school year and we do hope that we can all work together to achieve this.

Yours sincerely  
Mrs J Bentley

365 DAYS IN EACH YEAR	175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR		175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments			
	190 SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR 190 days for your child's education	5 days absence				
		185 DAYS OF EDUCATION	10 days absence	29 days absence (5 weeks 4 days) Half a term missed		
			30 days absence (7 weeks 3 days)		47 days absence (9 weeks 2 days)	
			161 DAYS OF EDUCATION	152 DAYS OF EDUCATION	143 DAYS OF EDUCATION	
	180 DAYS OF EDUCATION					
100%	97%	95%	89%	80%	75%	
GOOD		WORRYING		SERIOUS CONCERN		
Best chance of success		Less chance of success		Not fair on your child		
Gets your child off to a flying start!		Makes it harder to make progress		Court action		



During World Book Day, we shared a fabulous story, Barbara Throws a Wobbler. We spent the day talking about how we all experience a wealth of emotions. We then discussed ways to make ourselves feel better after a wobbler. Each class responded to the book in different ways, through art work and mini writing projects



## The King's Coronation

We will be celebrating the coronation of King Charles III on Friday 5th May. To help with the celebrations we would like the children to come in non-uniform on that day and would encourage them to dress in **red, white and blue**.

We will also be holding a whole school street party lunch for the children which will be provided by Ideal Food. If you have n't ordered a special Coronation buffet lunch from Ideal Foods, please send your child in with a packed lunch.

Look out for bunting that the children have made around the village!



## Rowan class



Last week Rowan learned to play Samba instruments. We are very excited to learn how to play the steel pans for the rest of the Summer term, starting today!

## Upcoming Events

05.05.23 - Coronation celebrations

w/c 09.05.23 - SATS week for Year 6

17.05.23 - PTFA treat - Rhubarb Theatre in school

18.05.23 - Year 6 Church Schools Festival, Lincoln Cathedral

19.05.23 - Year 5 Chocolate Workshop

23.05.23 - Wrates Class photographs

24.05.23 - Creative Arts Exhibition 3.30-4.30pm in school, all invited

25.05.23 - Year 4 Class Worship at 2.00 p.m.

06.06.23 - Bag2School

## Hazel Class Art Project

Hazel Class will be making a memory box in Art. Please can your child bring in a shoe box, or something similar, and any items from home that bring them memories of Primary School.

Thank you





Thank you to Heckington Gardening Club for giving every child a sunflower seed and kit. We are so excited to see the teddy bear sunflowers grow!

