



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

11th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school and a very Happy New Year! It is lovely to see how well the children have all settled back into school and are well immersed in their learning and we have already had some exciting visitors to school! Please do keep an eye on the key dates for all of our events coming up.

Whilst we know that there are always a lot of bugs going around at this time of the year, I would like to encourage you to ensure that your child attends school as much as they can. Research shows that children can quickly fall behind if even one day is missed and catching up even a little lost time from school can be really difficult. Good attendance is linked to achievement, better relationships with other children and better overall behaviour in school. I have included our whole school attendance data for autumn term 2 within this letter. We will be contacting parents if your child's attendance has fallen below 90% at the end of the autumn term.

Yours sincerely
Mrs J Bentley

Do you have 1-2 hours spare one afternoon to listen to readers in Maple class? If so, please get in touch with the school office. Thank you!



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Please remember we are a nut free school. We appreciate your support to protect those children with severe nut allergies.

Joe Roebuck, an Olympic swimmer, led an assembly this week linking sport to resilience and then ran workshops for some of the pupils!



Please use this link to book clubs. We have a few limited places left and plenty of spaces in a Fitness club on a Wednesday for Year 1 and Year 2
SchoolCloud - Heckington St Andrew's

events

Please bring your bag of clean, unwanted clothes to school on 30th January at 9:00am



- 30th January - PTFA Bag2School
- 5th-6th February - Year 5 Bikeability
- Wednesday 7th February - Year 2 Class worship 9:00am parents invited
- 9th February - Last day of term
- 19th February - First day of term
- 21st-22nd February - Parents' evenings - details to follow
- 4th -8th March - Year 6 Hilltop trip
- 20th March - Science and RE exhibition 3:30pm - parents invited
- 28th March - Easter service in Church Year3/4/5
- 28th March - Last day of term
- 16th April - First day back

<https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

Attendance Data for Autumn Term 2

Please see below for our Autumn Term 2 attendance data. Remember, we are aiming for 96% attendance or better to ensure that our children have the best chance to succeed at their learning. Please continue to support us by understanding the importance of NOT taking term time holidays or absences from school wherever possible.

Autumn Term 1 Attendance Averages	Attendance Key
Oak Class = 95.71%	96 - 100% Well done 91% - 95% Risk of underachievement 85% - 90% Serious risk of underachievement Below 85% serious cause for concern and underachievement
Maple Class = 97.10%	
Willow Class = 95.84%	
Chestnut Class = 95.94%	
Rowan Class = 94.86%	
Silver Birch Class = 96.08%	
Hazel Class = 95.79%	
Overall = 95.86%	

Let's keep aiming for 100% attendance!