



# Newsletter

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## Attendance

Reg	Average
Rec	93.6
Year 1	94.2
Year 2	98.3
Year 3	95.7
Year 4	97.0
Year 5	97.6
Year 6	97.6
Nursery AM	90.0
Nursery PM	91.4
School Average	93.3

Week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017  
Well done to Year 2 who has the highest attendance of 98.3 percent. I have highlighted Nursery Am as well as Nursery PM, Reception and year 1 as their attendance is far too low. Please remember to send your child to school every day.

## Dear Parents/ Carers

KS2 were treated to a "Google Expedition" this week. A team from Google came to visit and all the children were able to experience the world through some new Virtual Reality IT equipment. It was fantastic to hear their squeals of delight as they visited the Great Barrier Reef and the Amazon Rainforests to name but a few. We hope to find a way of purchasing the equipment to have in school.

The weather seems to be getting very cold this week and there are reports of further cold weather to come. Please remember to wrap your child up well with a warm coat.

Fiona Cullen  
Head Teacher

## Term Time Leave:

Changes in the law mean that the Head Teacher no longer has discretion to allow pupils to take term time leave. If you take your child out of school for any reason you will receive a fine for £60 per child per parent. This means that the mum will be fined £60 for each child and the dad will be fined £60 for each child.

The government monitors school attendance. They look at persistent absence. If your child has attendance of 90% or less they are deemed persistent absences and we are asked to follow this up and refer to the Local Authority who could take you to court. At court the penalty is either a very large fine £1000 or imprisonment. Please avoid keeping your child off school unless they are very sick and certainly DO NOT TAKE THEM OUT OF SCHOOL WHEN THE SCHOOL IS OPEN. Please wait until the holidays

## Dates for your diary

Wednesday 1st March - Parent Review Day – children only attend their appointment –

13th -17th February - School closed for Half Term

13th – 17th March SPRING FESTIVAL WEEK (details to follow)

3rd April to 18th April – School Closed Easter Holiday



### Roll of Honour

This is a special board next to Ms Cull's office. If a child does something special outside school or becomes a times table titan their photograph will be displayed for everyone to see.

**Rishabh Sharma G7-1 – Junior Times Table Titan**

**Fozail Khan T7-3 Times Table Titan**

**Ashvin Vigneshwaramoorthy T7-3 Times Table Titan**

**Safiya Askar T5-3 Times Table Titan**

**Nived Senthilkumar T8-4 Times Table Titan**

**Yuktha Namala T9-3 Times Table Titan**

### Junior Times Table Titans

Our Times Table Titan Scheme has been running for a long time and is very popular. It was set up to encourage all our children to learn their times tables to meet the national standard by the end of Year 4. The children need to know their tables, the inverses (i.e. division facts) and fractions of numbers to become a titan. However, we have some very keen children in Reception and Year 1 who want to become Times Table Titans. They know all their multiplying facts but do not have the mathematical experience to understand the other requirements. Therefore, **children in Reception and Year 1 who have learnt the basic facts will become Junior Times Table Titans.** They will still get their photo on the Roll of Honour and can become full titans when they have learnt the other related facts when they are older

Congratulations to Rishabh Sharma from G7-1 who is our first Junior Times Table Titan!

All children in Year 4, 5 and 6 must become Titans as soon as possible – this will give them the best chance in the SATs tests in Year 6.

### PE Kits

Please remember that it is the law that every child should do PE in school. We have a specified PE uniform that all children must wear. The T shirts are available from our local uniform shop "Ian Howard" on Barking Road. They are £3.50.



Children are also required to wear navy blue shorts and trainers/ plimsoles.

It is very important that your child puts his or her name in every item of clothing and the bag that the kit is stored in.

If your child is unable to do PE because of a medical reason, they must bring a letter into school explaining what the problem is, otherwise they will be asked to participate in the lesson as normal.

### Boys Sports Hall Event

Well done to our Year 4 team who participated really well in this event for the first time.

