



'Together for Excellence'

February 2024

Dear parents and carers,

We are already approaching the end of this half-term—can you believe it? We are so thankful for the support that you have offered us this year and want to continue to work closely with you.

Parents and schools need to support each other for consistency. This gives children stability which, in turn, aids their academic attainment, their mental and emotional health, and their behaviour.

With the half-term break coming up, please do reach out to us if you have any concerns or need any help. We are here for you.

Mrs Webb



Long hair

Please ensure that, if your child has long hair, it is tied up. For school As well as being neater and part of our school uniform, it also stops the spread of headlice.

That's not a half term surprise anyone wants!



A good start to the day

It is vital that children drink water regularly throughout the day and this begins with breakfast. Children should have a large drink of water with their breakfast, alongside any milk or fruit juice that they may have. Children will be allowed to drink throughout the day at school too. Children may say they are not thirsty but should be encouraged to drink—they may be thirstier than they realise!



School uniform

Being 'Wellington Smart' is important in helping your child understand their role and responsibility at our school. Here is a guide to our uniform. If you need support with your child's uniform, we are here to help.



Purple school jumper or cardigan
White polo shirt
Black/grey skirt, shorts or trousers.
Leggings are not school uniform.



Indoor PE: white t-shirt and black/grey/ navy shorts

Outdoor: as above, with school jumper. Leggings or tracksuit bottoms can be worn. Socks and trainers.



**NO
PHONE
ZONE**

Mobile phones

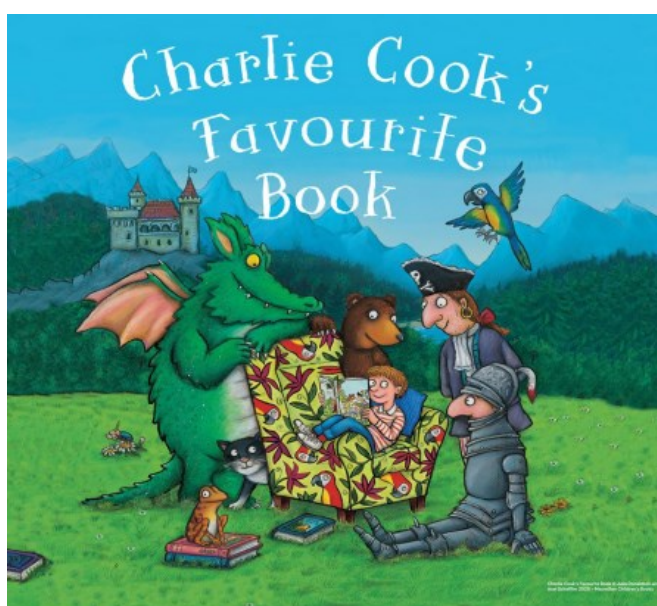
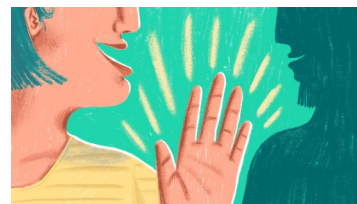
Please remember that we do not allow phones in school.

Please contact the school if you have any concerns. Thank you for your support.

Rhymes and songs

Children who can recall at least five nursery rhymes are more likely to be proficient readers. Try learning a new song or rhyme together, in your first language if you speak another.

We would love to hear any that your children learn so please do encourage them to share them with us!



Tues 13th February - 1.30pm & 3.30pm
Weds 14th February - 11.30am & 1.30pm



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January's Attendance update

100%

R	Badger 92.8%	Rabbit 94.8%
1	Owl 95.5%	Squirrel 93.7%
2	Camel 96.4%	Zebra 94.7%
3	Alligator 95.9%	Crocodile 97.1%
4	Giraffe 93.4%	Ostrich 95.8%
5	Meerkat 95.5%	Tiger 95.5%
6	Gorilla 96.3%	Lion 92.2%

Well done Crocodile class!

Our average attendance across the whole school for January was 95%



Key dates overview for spring term



Christmas Holidays: Monday 18th December — Tuesday 2nd January

Tuesday 2nd January	- INSET Day
Wednesday 3rd January	- Children begin back at school
Friday 5th January	- 'Coffee, Cake & Calculations' in Community Room (9am-11am)
Thursday 11th January	- Year 5 Swimming commences
Friday 12th January	- 'Coffee, Cake & Calculations' in Community Room (9am-11am)
Friday 19th January	- 'Coffee, Cake & Calculations' in Community Room (9am-11am)
Tuesday 23rd January	- Year 3 trip to British Museum
Friday 26th January	- 'Coffee, Cake & Calculations' in Community Room (9am-11am)
Monday 29th January	- Targeted pupil's parent's evenings (all week)
Tuesday 30th January	- Year 5 'Victorian Day' at school
Friday 2nd February	- Break the rules day
Tuesday 6th February	- Internet Safety Day
Tuesday 6th February	- Year R 'Stay & Play' (Superhero dress-up)
Thursday 8th February	- School uniform sale
Friday 9th February	- Year 6 'World War 2 Day' at school
Friday 9th February	- 'The Great Wellington Bake-Off' (KS1)

Half Term: Monday 12th February — Friday 16th February

Monday 19th February	- INSET Day
Tuesday 20th February	- Year 6 Parent Maths Workshop (6pm)
Wednesday 21st February	- Year 1 trip to Wisley
Friday 23rd February	- 'The Great Wellington Bake-Off' (KS2)
Wednesday 6th March	- Year 4 trip to Harry Potter studios
Thursday 7th March	- World Book Day
Tuesday 12th March	- Class photos
Tuesday 19th March	- Year R 'Stay & Play' (Spring crafts)
Thursday 21st March	- Spring Disco (YrR/1 3.15-4pm, Yr2/3 4.15-5.15pm, Yr4,5&6 5.30-6.30pm)
Monday 25th March	- Year R trip to Gordon Brown Centre
Friday 29th March	- Good Friday (School Closed)

Easter Holidays: Monday 1st April — Friday 12th April

Please note that more information regarding these dates will be communicated in further correspondence. Some dates may be subject to change and new dates may be added throughout the term. In these instances, we will endeavour to give as much notice as possible.

Online Safety

We are in a world which is heavily reliant on the internet. It is crucial to keep our children safe online and to educate them about online safety as the internet can be a dangerous place for our children if it is not used and monitored appropriately.



VR/AR

These are exciting advancements in technology but the NSPCC and other child protection organisations have serious concerns about children's wellbeing in unregulated spaces. Parents can't easily see what children are accessing and children can be gifted items by strangers which makes them vulnerable. If you have a VR/ AR headset, please consider the additional measures you might need to have to keep your child safe. If you need any help, please contact us. We are here to work with you to safeguard your child.

AI-generated imagery

AI-generated imagery can be a bit of fun and silliness but can also be inappropriate. Images of your children online can be used to create older versions of them or to merge them with another person. This can mean that children's images can be used to create inappropriate and sexual images. We have not had any cases of this but there have been multiple primary-aged children involved in cases nationally.

We urge you to think very carefully before you allow your children to have any form of social media. Please ensure that you lock down your child's accounts so that no one else is able to access any images of them.



Please click here for a parent's guide to keeping children safe online and tips to help children stay safe on social media:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/>

Attendance

The government has launched a new campaign to encourage attendance at schools. This is aimed at children who are taking preventable odd days of absences. Please make use of the "Is my child too ill for school?" page on the NHS website. You can find this by Googling it.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

In 2018/19, just 40% of persistently absent children in Key Stage 2 achieved the Expected standard, compared with 84% of regular attenders.

Regular school attendance encourages positive peer relationships and this is a huge protective factor for children's mental health and wellbeing.



Remember: we will always provide care and kindness to your child if they tell us they feel unwell.

We thank you for your continued support in helping your child come to school.

FREE Online Courses for Parents this February

To book type in the link: <https://shop.hants.gov.uk/collections/library-courses>

Course	Dates	Time
Positive Parenting	Mondays 26 February – 25 March	6:30pm – 8pm
Raising Resilient Children	Tuesdays 27 February – 26 March	6:30pm – 8pm
Introduction to Paediatric First Aid	Tuesdays 27 February – 19 March	6:45pm – 9:15pm



These courses are aimed at Hampshire residents aged 19+. Attendance is expected at each session to ensure that you get the most out of your learning experience and to minimise disruption for other learners. Please advise the venue/tutor of any absence you may have.

Participants will be required to use Zoom. No account is required, not sure how to use Zoom? Check out these helpful videos: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/206175806>



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