

## Attendance Report

We are trialling a new way of reporting your child's attendance. You will receive a breakdown of your child's attendance in their end of year report detailing the amount of authorised and unauthorised absence, and the number of lates (if any). Definitions of these are listed below. Your child's overall percentage can be matched to the grid to determine our in school attendance rating.

The school's attendance has risen in recent years to above 96% and we are keen to improve this further. We track attendance regularly in school and commend children on their attendance with a weekly class award and 100% attendance awards at the end of the year.

We aim to improve pupils' achievement by ensuring high levels of attendance and punctuality. It is our aim for all children to achieve a minimum of 96% attendance across the year (a maximum of 6 days absence), with exemption given to those with ongoing medical needs and also in other exceptional circumstances. Throughout the year myself, Mrs. Warren and Julie Haskell (the Education Welfare Officer) discuss attendance regularly and may write to you should we have any concerns regarding unnecessary or irregular absence particularly in the week before and after school holidays. We aim to work in partnership with you to ensure consistent attendance to

allow pupils to realise their potential in school.

### Definitions

Authorised absence is absence given with a legitimate reason and has notification from a parent/carer. Only the school can decide if the absence is authorised.

An absence is classified as unauthorised when a child is away from school without the permission of the school. Therefore the absence is unauthorised if a child is away from school without good reason, even with the support of a parent.

A child is recorded late if they arrive in school after 09.00. The school gates open at 08.40 and registration begins at 08.50.

Mr. Davies

% Attendance	Grading
100%	Outstanding
99%	Very Good
98%	
97%	
96% (School Avg.)	Good
95%	Satisfactory
94%	Unsatisfactory
93%	
92%	
91%	
90%	Urgent Action Required
Below 90%	



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## Dates for your diary

Monday 3rd July - Reports to parents

Tuesday 4th July - Transfer Day

Wednesday 5th July - Meeting for new parents at St. Egwin's

Tuesday 11th July - R/KSI Sports Day

Wednesday 12th July, 6.30pm - Year 5 Production

Thursday 13th July - KS2 Sports Day

Monday 17th July, 6.30pm - Y2 Production

Tuesday 18th July - Round Robin Sports Day

Wednesday 19th July, 2.30pm - Leavers Assembly

Thursday 20th July - End of Term for Pupils

## Notices

Congratulations to our Kitchen Staff who have been awarded the highest level of food hygiene - a 5\* award from the Food Standards Agency. Thank you for all of your support with our new kitchen venture; uptake has been fantastic and the celebration lunch particularly was a great success. The feedback from children and parents continues to be overwhelmingly positive.



Our end of year productions are fast approaching, and we request that if you have anything you would like to donate to our raffle for prizes, then it would be very much appreciated. Just hand your raffle prize into the office!

We have updated the Safeguarding Section of our website to include some useful advice for parents about what to do if you think your child is suffering abuse online, and how to protect them in the first place. You can find it under 'Information -> Safeguarding'.

## Planting Day



Mr Importante does such a fantastic job of taking care of our school grounds and making them look so fantastic. We hope you will agree that the school gardens look immaculate and are bursting with colour. He cannot do this job alone, however, so the whole school decided to help him by having a planting



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day. It was a perfect opportunity for the children to learn about flowers and gardening, and every pupil in our school now has something which they can see flourish through the summer and hopefully into the autumn.

## Tri Golf

On Thursday Swan Lane entered 3 teams in the annual Evesham



Schools Tri Golf Festival at the De Montford School. The children took part in a range of activities to test their golf skills. Swan Lane A Team managed to chip and putt their way to second place, amassing a huge total of 805 points! Our B and C teams did very well to finish 7th and 8th in a competition that had 12 teams. Well done to all the organisers and the De Montford School's Young Leaders for a fantastic morning of sporting fun.



## Football

### Swan Lane 2 Honeybourne 1

Swan Lane entertained Honeybourne on Friday in one of the final opportunities for our A team to play this Year. On a very warm afternoon captain for the day Emily Watton and the team started brightly with some excellent football.

Sophie, Alan and Nathan commanded the midfield early with Tyler and Shane causing problems for the Honeybourne defence. Despite this Honeybourne scored first after a long ball wasn't dealt with and the bounce caused havoc in the defence. Swan Lane rallied afterwards with 'A' Team debutants Finley and Will G keeping the defence solid and Oli making some important saves.

Swan Lane equalised early in the second half after Tyler's relentless pressure on the defence resulted in an easy opportunity, which he took fantastically. The game continued to be frantic as both teams sought a winner, with Elizabeth taking control of the midfield with some excellent tackling. Swan Lane finally got the winner after a goal mouth scramble that included some amazing saves. Nathan poked the ball home to give Swan Lane the win.

*Mr Thompson*

## Year 2 Trip to Batsford Arboretum

To support our work on plants, animals and habitats, year two children went on a trip to Batsford Arboretum. We went to look at the range of plants growing in the arboretum.

It was incredible to see the different tree shapes, colours and sizes. We loved the trail and followed it back to the starting point. On the way we found many fascinating plants and learnt so much about them all.

We walked several miles in the arboretum and learnt many interesting plant facts, as well as learning about how different environments support different types of animals and plants.

It was a very successful, enjoyable trip and the staff at Batsford have since sent us an email commending our children on their impeccable manners.

*Mr Batts*

