



# Ringway Primary School

## Autumn 2



Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have had all had a lovely break and enjoyed your Halloween celebrations. As always, we would like to keep you updated with what is going on in school over the next half term. Please make a note of the important dates as although we try to send reminders this is not always possible.

We will be saying farewell to our Year 1 Teaching Assistant, Miss Trainer this half term. We would like to wish Miss Trainer every success for the future.

We have lots of exciting trips and activities planned over the next few weeks which we are all looking forward to in the run up to Christmas.

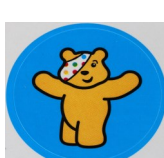
Overleaf is your child's topic information which gives an overview of the work that your child will be doing over the next half term.

### Children in Need



We will be fundraising for Children in Need on **Friday 15th November**. Children can come into school in their pyjama's, Pudsey/Blush clothing or non-uniform. Please bring in a donation of £1 which we will donate to the Children in Need charity.

We will also be having a **special lunch** on the same day, chicken nuggets will be on the menu. This has been a request of the children. If your child is normally on packed lunch please let the office know by **Monday 11th November** if they would like to have the special lunch. The cost is £2.30 for children in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6. If your child already has a school dinner then you do not need to do anything.



### Dates for your diary

**Year 3 will continue swimming this half term.**

**Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th November**—Parents Evening

**Thursday 14th November**—Y5/Y6 New Age Bowling

**Monday 25th November to Friday 29th November**—Book Fair



**Monday 25th November**—KS2 Christmas Fair



**Tuesday 26th November**—KS1 Christmas Fair



**Thursday 28th November**—Y5/Y6 Christmas Trip (Pizza making/ice skating).



**Thursday 28th November**—Y3/Y4 Trip to Beamish

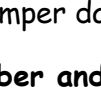


**Tuesday 3rd December**—Reception class Tiddlywinks

**Wednesday 4th December**—Flu Spray

### Dates for your diary

**Thursday 5th December**—Reception, Y1 and Y2 trip to Whitehouse Farm



**Friday 6th December**—Christmas dinner/jumper day.

**Monday 9th December and Tuesday 10th December**—Reception, Y1 and Y2 Christmas Performance



**Wednesday 11th December**—Y3 and Y4 Christmas Performance

**Thursday 12th December**—Y5 and Year 6 Christmas Performance

**Friday 13th December**—Christmas Theme Dinner

**Monday 16th December**—Rec, Y1 and Y2 Christmas Party



**Tuesday 17th December**—Rec, Y1 and Y2 Christmas Panto AM

**Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Christmas Panto PM**

**Wednesday 18th December**—Y5 and Y6 Christmas Party

**Thursday 19th December**—Y3 and Y4 Christmas Party

**Friday 20th December**—School closes at 2pm and reopens Tuesday 7th January

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### Attendance

Children can't help being sick occasionally. Sometimes they have an illness that will require time off school and a visit to a doctor. On these occasions, it is very important that you let school know as soon as possible, via text, phone, email or by calling in to talk to us.

**Regularly** taking one or two days off though soon adds up. Sometimes our children have coughs or colds. They may not feel like their normal self but they are probably well enough for school. Children have to learn for adult life that we need to build our resilience to cope. If as adults we regularly took time off work for a cough or cold we wouldn't have a job. As parents/carers we are asking you to stop and think before you allow your child to stay off school.

☐ **Are they well enough to attend school?**

☐ **Is your child's attendance already a concern?**

☐ **Would it help if you dropped off paracetamol or medication for them during the school day? If so just sign the appropriate form in school.**

☐ **Is there anything worrying your child at school or home?**

If a parent wishes to request a period of leave of absence they are required to write to the Head Teacher by completing the appropriate leave of absence form which can be collected from the office. This should be done before any flights, holiday bookings or other arrangements are made.

**There is no entitlement to time off in term time.**

A school can only grant Leave of Absence if

☐ **A request for leave of absence is submitted before leave is taken**

☐ **And the Head Teacher believes the reason is exceptional**

Leave of absence can only be granted for **exceptional** circumstances. A holiday or travelling abroad is not considered exceptional.

There are **39 weeks** in the year when school is open and **13 weeks** when families can visit family overseas; go on holiday; travel or attend non urgent medical appointments. So before you ask for leave of absence please consider... **Is your request for leave of absence exceptional?**

If the request is denied the school will inform the parent of the reason and the request will be noted in the electronic register.

The Rules concerning unauthorised absences are as follows:

**Absence taken and not authorised could be liable for a Fixed Penalty fine of £60 per parent, per child. This fine will double to £120 if not paid within 21 days. Unpaid fines will result in court proceedings leading to a criminal record for unpaid fines. If unauthorised leave is taken on a second occasion fixed penalty notices will be issued again at £60 per parent, per child. Again the fine will double to £120 if not paid within 21 days.**

**If unauthorised leave is taken on a third occasion no Penalty Notice will be issued and that parent will be taken straight to Court under the higher-level aggravated offence.**

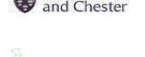
This means that the parent may be subject to a much more severe penalty i.e. a maximum fine of up to £2,500 or 3 months in custody or, a community order which may involve them doing a number of hours of unpaid work.

Leave of absence forms are available from the office. If you have any concerns please contact us. Together, we can help the children **"be the best they can be."**

### When should my child return to school?



<b>Chicken Pox</b> When all spots have crusted over	<b>Conjunctivitis</b> None*	<b>Diarrhoea &amp; Vomiting</b> 48 hours from last episode	<b>Glandular Fever</b> None*	<b>Hand, foot &amp; mouth</b> None*	<b>Impetigo</b> When lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
<b>Measles or German Measles</b> 4 days from onset of rash	<b>Mumps</b> 5 days from onset of swelling	<b>Scabies</b> After first treatment	<b>Scarlet Fever</b> 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	<b>Slapped Cheek</b> None*	<b>Whooping Cough</b> 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
<b>Flu</b> Until recovered	<b>Head Lice</b> None*	<b>Threadworms</b> None*	<b>Tonsillitis</b> None*		



This information is based on the Public Health Agency guide - full copy here

\*No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed.



### Autumn Term 1 Attendance

**Reception:**  
Attendance 91.56%  
Authorised absence 5.72%  
Unauthorised absence 2.72%

**Year 1**  
Attendance 95.65%  
Authorised absence 3.53%  
Unauthorised absence 0.82%

**Year 2**  
Attendance 96.65%  
Authorised absence 1.90%  
Unauthorised absence 1.45%

**Year 3**  
Attendance 96.25%  
Authorised absence 2.56%  
Unauthorised absence 1.19%

**Year 4**  
Attendance 96.67%  
Authorised absence 2.09%  
Unauthorised absence 1.24%

**Year 5**  
Attendance 95.90%  
Authorised absence 1.20%  
Unauthorised absence 2.91%

**Year 6**  
Attendance 92.87%  
Authorised absence 3.23%  
Unauthorised absence 3.90%

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS



### LATE ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL



When your child arrives late at school, he/ she misses the teacher's instructions and the induction to the lesson. Your child may also feel embarrassed at having to enter the classroom late.

Minutes late per day during the school year	Equals days worth of teaching lost in a year
5 Minutes	3.4 Days
10 Minutes	6.9 Days
15 Minutes	10.3 Days
20 Minutes	13.8 Days
30 Minutes	20.7 Days

Frequent lateness can add up to a considerable amount of learning lost, and can seriously disadvantage your child.



