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Attendance and Punctuality

We are delighted to be working with a new initiative called SOL Attendance to help us continue to improve our attendance. A good attendance record has a very positive impact on children's achievement, their ability to socialise and their emotional well being. Please remember that we are unable to authorise any absence due to holidays taken during term time and that penalty notices may be issued to parents of children who are absent due to a holiday (£60 per parent, per child). Holidays during term time can seriously disrupt children's learning. Not only do they miss the teaching provided on the days they are away, they are also less prepared for the lessons building on this learning after their return. As a result, your child's progress will be seriously slowed and there may also be a future risk of underachievement.

It is also essential that children arrive at school **on time** to ensure they do not miss out on any of their learning. Breakfast club is open daily for working parents from 7.45am and costs £1 per child per day. Please remember that children can arrive at breakfast club up to 8:20am.

Children should not be on the school site before 8.40 am unless they are attending the breakfast club. Classrooms are open from **8:45 am** and registration is at **8:55 am**. Any child arriving after 8:55 am should report to the school office.

For your information, newsletters regarding your child's current learning in the classroom can be found on our website. Please keep an eye on our Twitter feed for regular updates about our learning too.

Further information about the work of our Trust, Hope Sentamu Learning Trust can be found on the website at

<https://hsilt.academy>

Safeguarding/SEN/First Aiders:

Miss Strickland is our Child Protection Co-ordinator/ Safeguarding Lead. Our Deputy Safeguarding Leads are Mrs Moore and Mrs Hunter.

Our SENCo is Mrs Moore.

Our first aiders are:

Mr Jowett, Miss Brown, Mrs Leonard, Miss Thornycroft, Mrs Emerson, Mrs Drury, Mrs Ketley, Mrs Allison, Miss Pinkney and Mr Allen.

Do you know how to keep your child safe at home when they are using a mobile phone, tablet or similar electronic devise?

Although we teach the children on a termly basis about keeping themselves safe whilst online, we are still hearing concerning stories from some of our parents about unsuitable material or conversations their children have accessed (often quite by accident because settings on devices did not protect them). Many parents and staff are surprised and alarmed by the extent that some people will go to, to gain access to children online.

Information on how to keep your child safe online can be found on the school website and we will also be having a school wide Safer Internet Day on 8th February.



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Year 6 SATs

Congratulations to our Year 6 pupils who completed their SATs tests last week. They have worked really hard towards these and showed a really positive and mature attitude throughout the week. Well done!



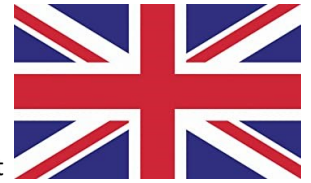
Parent Mail

We have gone cashless so all breakfast club, dinners, uniform and nursery fees can now be paid electronically. Thank you to the parents who have already signed up for this option. If you would like further information about how to get online to make these payments, please feel free to contact the school office.



Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

In the next few weeks the children across the school will participate in lessons that look at the significance of the historical 70 year reign of Queen Elizabeth II., including learning about how life has changed during these 70 years. On the last afternoon of this half term we will bring this learning to life in a community event when we welcome into school parishioners from St. James Church and from The Old School in Sutton to share in a playground street party to celebrate this special occasion.



School Uniform

We are delighted with the appearance of all the children in school, they look extremely smart and we thank you for your support of our school uniform policy.

Please remember to ensure that your child wears plain black school shoes. Sandshoes are to be worn inside school. Please write your child's name in their uniform, this prevents any upset if items are misplaced.

PE Kit

Please ensure your child wears the correct PE kit at school. This consists of a plain white T-shirt and plain red shorts. As many PE lessons this term will take place outside, children may need to wear trainers for these lessons. Please remember that our outdoor kit consists of plain black sweatshirt and plain black jogging bottoms.

If you need to order any items of school uniform, please contact the school office and they will be able to help you with this.

Keeping Safe on the Playground Before and After School

Adults or children riding bikes or scooters on the playground before or after school presents a health and safety risk for other children and adults. Please make sure that your child does not ride his/her bike or scooter on the playground at the beginning or end of the school day.

For health and safety reasons it is essential that no children climb on the play equipment on the playground or field before or after school.



St. George's Day Dragon Training

The children in Year 1 to Year 6 had a great time learning new skills in the art of fencing on our return to school, as well as learning about St. George.



Car Parking:

It is imperative that no parents or taxis use the school drive to turn round, drop off or to park. For the sake of the safety of all of the children please do not come onto the school site in your car to drop off or collect your children or park on the double yellow markings outside the main entrance. This applies before school, at lunchtime and at the end of the day, including following after school clubs. Please can we also ask that you are considerate of our local residents and ensure that you do not block access to garages when dropping off and picking up.



Dogs on the school site

Please remember that dogs are not allowed on the school site, even if being carried.



Jewellery

We don't consider it is necessary for your child to wear any jewellery whilst at school. However, if you feel that this is essential, please make sure that this is limited to one **small** pair of stud earrings in the lower lobe area and one watch; these must be removed for health and safety reasons when taking part in P.E. lessons.

School Security and lunchtimes

The entrance gates to the school field remain locked throughout the day between 9:00 am and 3:10 pm. If your child goes home at lunch time please arrange to meet them at the main door into the school (school office entrance). Children should return into school via this route on their return after lunch.

Important Information about Funding —Please help us to help your children:

We are trying to get additional funding into school to enable us to again begin taking the children on subsidised visits out of school to support their learning. If at any time you are in receipt of any of the benefits listed below:-

Income Support, Jobseekers Allowance, Child Tax Credit (with an annual income of not more than £16,190 as assessed by the Inland Revenue), Guarantee element of State Pension Credit, Income Related Employment and Support Allowance or an Asylum Seeker and you have not completed a form since receiving these benefits, please pop into the office and we will help you to complete a simple form that will ensure your child gets free school meals when they are in key stage 2 and helps us to get additional money into school. This is called pupil premium. Please speak to Mrs Todd, our Administration Officer, if you require more information.

Governor Information

Our governors are responsible for overseeing the management side of our school which includes working on school policies, looking at the curriculum delivered in school and working with all staff. They enable our school to run as effectively as possible to provide a high quality education for our children.

Our Governors are Ms Patricia O'Brien (Chair of Governors), Rev. Gloria Naylor (from St. James' Church), and Parent Governors - Miss J Nundy and Mrs R Temple. Should you wish to contact any of our governors, you can do this via the school office.

Dates for the year, including Holidays

I wanted to take this opportunity to provide you with some dates for your diary. There will be additional dates to follow and letters will be sent home regarding any visits etc we are able to organise nearer the time.

Thursday 19th May	Year 1 pupils will begin music lessons from a specialist music teacher once a week for 6 weeks
Thursday 19th & Friday 20th May	Pupils in KS2 will work with a wood carver to create a wooden ceiling boss to go on display at St. Mary's Church in Beverley
Friday 27th May	Whole school celebration for the Platinum Jubilee 3:15 pm - School closes for the half term holiday
Monday 6th June	Children return to school
Monday 13th June—Friday 24th June	Swimming sessions for Year 6
Friday 24th June	Visit from The Dogs Trust to talk to all classes
Monday 27th June—Friday 8th July	Swimming sessions for Year 5
Tuesday 28th June	Year 6 trip to Beverley Minister to participate in a Leavers Service with pupils from other local schools
Wednesday 29th June	Year 5 to Winifred Holtby for a Library & Language experience
Friday 1st July	Sports Day—AM—KS2/PM FS2 & KS1—weather permitting
Monday 4th July	Year 6 trip to Welton Waters Outdoor Activity Centre
Tuesday 5th July	Year 6 trip to sleepover at The Deep
Wednesday 6th July	Year 4 & Year 5 trip to perform their music learning at the Bonus Arena with other local schools
Friday 8th July	Year 6 Leavers Service at St. James Church
Monday 18th July	Year 6 Graduation
Wednesday 20th July	Year 6 Leavers performance Celebration Parents Evening
Friday 22nd July	3:15 pm - School closes for the summer holiday