



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been fantastic to see many of you this week attending our class welcome meetings this week and we have almost felt like there was a bit of normality in doing this. We do want to re-establish home school links this year and onsite meetings will be a part of this.

We as a school are constantly receiving COVID updates from the local authority and we will share any information that we can. The 'COVID 19 Warn and Inform' letters that have been sent out are to literally ask you to be aware of your own children's health.

These are not letters for track and trace and are only to warn of a reported positive case within our school community.

Attendance is key for all children and Knowsley Council have launched a new attendance strategy. We do ask you to ensure your child has consistently high attendance and only stays off if there is no other option. Please value every day in school as we do as random days off for a very minor ailments should be avoided. School MUST also be notified of any holiday requests in writing. Any absence that is unexplained will be unauthorised and could lead to Local Authority Attendance Service involvement.

Please see the table below for each classes attendance since our return. Can your child help their class improve attendance next week? Our target is that all classes have attendance over 96%

Class	Percentage attendance
Owl	98.8%
Panda	97.2%
Cheetah	97.2%
Hedgehog	96.8%
Lion	96.8%
Zebra	96.7%
Shark	95.3%
Penguin	95.1%
Wolf	95.0%
Jaguar	94.8%
Pangolin	94.8%

Wider development:

Extra Curricular clubs have begun again this week with 15 different clubs offered across all year groups. We have had an excellent response and attendance at clubs has been amazing. We really are committed to supporting your child's wider development as well as academic development and attending clubs is such a great way to learn new skills, develop relationships and find new interests. There are still places available in some clubs but not all if you visit the school website to sign up.

We have had children represent the school this week in the football league and they acted as great ambassadors for our school in their behaviour and attitudes- well done!

Next week we have some more sporting events that we will have teams representing us- good luck!





Y6 Playleaders are doing a great job at lunchtimes with our Y1/2 children and they have developed some structured activities and games for them to play. They are great role models and are helping our youngest children learn how to play in a bigger group which we forget they never experienced in the last two years!

All children around school are contributing to the development of **Class Charters** linked to our Rights Respecting School values currently. This is helping them to consider what being a good person, role model and friend should look like. We have playground charters that have been developed by our children- have a look as they are on display on the playground.

We also will be announcing our prefects and other ambassadors next week – ensuring our children have the opportunity to take responsibility and contribute positively to our school community

Academic News:

All of the staff are pleased with the work the children are completing at the moment and we have seen some fantastic outcomes in a whole range of subjects. Learning in art has been great with the study of some excellent artists and their styles. In music we have listened to and appraised different genres of music and our children in Y3 and Y4 have begun their instrumental lessons. PE has involved, fitness sessions, gymnastics (Beth Tweddle Gymnastics) and a range of sports all being played. Geography work across the school has focused on the local area, coasts and The Polar Regions in different phases.

We offer a real broad and balanced curriculum to all our children but we will always need to offer daily English and maths work as developing these basic skills are vital. The children have all been given access to GOREAD. This APP is to be used as an electronic reading record that can be accessed via your phone. This replaces the paper based reading records and we would really appreciate your time and effort in recording reading completed at home via the APP.

Special mentions for positively standing out in the last few weeks.....

CLASS	PUPIL
Squirrel	Jax A and Lilah Walters
Rabbit	Holly J and Ethan W-P
Owl	Bobby H and Emilia D
Hedgehog	Rex T and Freddie S
Jaguar	Jack SR and Lottie Couton
Pangolin	Logan T and Lily Rose C
Panda	Sabrina T and Miles Mc
Zebra	Isaac L and Ruby S
Lion	Amber G and Penny C
Shark	Millie W and Maggie M
Penguin	Skye F and Ben M
Wolf	Peggie Rose C and Mimi S
Cheetah	Jack C and Joe F

One final request... next week we are having plants planted at the front of school and outside Panda Class. Can you please stop your children from standing on the soils and damaging the new plants before or after school and when picking up from clubs- Thank you!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Ian Cooper

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