



Canterbury Road Primary School

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Dear Parent,

Newsletter 4

School priorities

Every year schools have to write a 'school improvement plan' that sets out what they want to work on or improve during the year.

This year, our priorities include spelling, language, art and attendance.

Spelling is improving but we still have room to improve further!

For the language project we will work on improving and extending the vocabulary the children use as well as giving them lots of interesting experiences and learning that they can talk about.

Our art project aims to improve the children's skills and knowledge and also give the children more time to do art-based activities. The first part of this will be announced next week!

Attendance and punctuality

*Last year, children at Canterbury Road missed **1766** days of learning due to illness/term-time holidays and were late **413** times!*



I'm sure you agree that this is very high. This meant our overall attendance was 95.45% which is below our target of 97%. This year we are trying to reach this target and cut lates down to zero. Obviously, children do get ill and may need to stay at home but we can give medicine to children (that you bring in) providing you sign a permission letter, available from the office.

There are very few reasons why a child should be late to school although sometimes emergencies do happen. In these cases, please ring the office to let us know you are on your way. Children hate being late as they feel self-conscious going into class, they don't know what learning to do and it means their class loses out on the attendance competition we have running in school. Lates after 9.15am are classed as unauthorised absences and may lead to a penalty notice.

Please help us to improve attendance and punctuality. I will be sending updates throughout the year.

Dates

A list is overleaf. More dates and details will be added and the PTFA will send a list of their events shortly.

Yours faithfully

Mrs King
Headteacher



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Dates

10.10.18	Year 5 trip to the London Eye
17.10.18	Year 2 trip to Chatham Dockyard
19.10.18	Last day of term

Term 2

Tues 30.10.18	First day of term
7 th and 8 th Nov	Parents' evening – more details later
1.12.18	PTFA Christmas Fair
11.12.18	afternoon Christmas Play for Yrs R, 1 and 2 parents
12.12.18	morning Christmas Play for Yrs R, 1 and 2 parents
12.12.18	7pm at St Michael's Church, Carol concert for children and parents in Yrs 3, 4, 5 and 6
19.12.18	Last day of term 2

Term 3

Thurs 3.1.19	First day of term 3
15.2.19	Last day of term 3

Term 4

25.2.19	First day of term 4
5.4.18	Last day of term 4

Term 5

Tues 23.4.19	First day of term 5
24.5.19	Last day of term 5

Term 6

3.6.19	First day of term 6
19.7.19	Last day of term 6