

SOPLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Spring Newsletter - Issue 11

Parents Evening

Parents Evening appointments are now available to book online.

Please visit your Scopay account to book an appointment on either Tuesday 10th March 3.30pm-5.30pm or Thursday 12th March 5pm-7pm with your child's Teacher.

Mobile phones/watches

There should be no need for children to have mobile phones/devices in School unless they travel to school on their own or are staying overnight at a different house. Any phones, tablets or 'smart' watches, which can receive texts/emails, should be handed to office staff at the start of the day and collected at the pick up time. The School takes no responsibility for these items whilst they are in the School Office so the best advice is to leave them at home where they are safe. Thank you.

Traveling over the Easter Holidays

As a precautionary measure – if you are planning on going abroad over the Easter Holidays (or before), please could you let the office know where you are travelling to so that we can record this and take the necessary action if we are later advised that certain countries or regions become coronavirus hot spots and therefore people need to self-isolate upon their return.

Coronavirus

We are following advice from the Department of Education and Public Health England with regards to the Coronavirus.

For up to date information please visit www.GOV.UK
If you are at all concerned for your health please call 111

Celebration

The following children have received Gold Awards over the past two weeks.

Rabbits Gold Awards – Ellen, Ethan H, Ralph T, Edgar, Maisie, Phoebe, Elise, Bianka

Owls Gold Awards – Sigrid, Caleb, Jude, Ellana, Winter, Buddy, Eva, Jamie

Hedgehogs Gold Awards – Tallulah, Kenzie, Zach, Amelie, Joe B, Lillierose, Olivia, Riley, Hetty, Charlie F, Oliver, Even, William, Eden, Summer

Badgers Gold Awards – Callum, Ronnie, Felicity, Louise, Samuel

Upcoming FSS Events

Monday 16th March – Mothers Day Craft

Thursday 2nd April – Easter Fair @ 3.30pm

NON-ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

School attendance is subject to various educational laws and it is very important that you make sure your child attends regularly.

If a child fails to attend school regularly we have the authority to issue penalty notices.

- A **PENALTY NOTICE** will be issued **IMMEDIATELY** when a child takes 1 week (10 sessions/5 days) of unauthorised family holiday (a yellow form should be completed & handed to the office) in one block.
- A **PENALTY NOTICE** will be issued **IMMEDIATELY** if your child takes holiday and/or unauthorised absence (if your child is absent and we have been given no reason and cannot get hold of you on the day of absence) totalling 1 week (10 sessions/5 days) in any consecutive 10 week period. (e.g. 2 days unauthorised absence in week 2 plus 3 days unauthorised holiday in week 9.)

The full penalty is **PER PARENT PER CHILD** and is £60.00 paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice or £120.00 if paid within 28 days. If the notice is not paid in full by 28 days of receipt, the Attendance Legal Panel will make a decision as to whether the Legal Intervention Team will proceed with prosecution. The prosecution is for failing to ensure attendance at school, not for non-payment of the fine. Prosecutions are brought under Section 444 of the Education Act 1996. There is no statutory right of appeal. Once a Penalty Notice has been issued, it can only be withdrawn if it can be shown that it was issued in error.

Further information on Penalty Notices can be found here:-

<https://documents.hants.gov.uk/childrens-services/HIAS/InformationonPenaltyNoticesfornon-attendanceatschool-advicetoparentsandcarersleaflet-Nov2015revised.pdf>

WARNING LETTERS

We will be issuing warning letters to parents of those children who have a high number of unauthorised absences and are approaching the penalty notice threshold.

If your child has an ongoing pattern of unauthorised absence that doesn't yet meet the penalty notice criteria then you will receive a written warning. This warning will advise you about the extent of your child's absence and warn you that if your child's attendance does not show a significant improvement and if this improvement is not maintained thereafter, a Penalty Notice may be issued without further warning.

ILLNESS

While we understand that children are sometimes ill we also encourage you to return your children back to school as soon as they are well. We are also able to administer Calpol/medicines/antibiotics in school with prior parental consent. If we think that a child is persistently recorded as ill we will have reason to contact you with concerns for your child's health. Again, you will receive a letter to this affect.

LATENESS

If your child is persistently late for school (arrives after registers close and after classroom doors close at 9.00 am and has to come into school via the office to sign in) you will also receive a warning letter.

As a school our attendance levels are below the national average. We ask parents that you support us and your child to ensure they receive the best education possible and attend school as often as they can.

DATES for the Diary

Tuesday 10th March – 3.30 pm – 5.30 pm – Parents Evening

Thursday 12th March – Infants School Trip to Marwell Zoo

Thursday 12th March – 5.00 pm – 7.00 pm – Parents Evening

INSET DAY – Friday 3rd April

EASTER HOLIDAY – Monday 6th April to Friday 17th April

VE DAY MAY BANK HOLIDAY – Friday 8th May

KS2 SATS – Year 6 – W/C 11th May

MAY HALF TERM – Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May

INSET DAY – Monday 1st June

Friday 19th June – Race for Life

MONDAY 13th & TUESDAY 14th July – Bikeability Year 6

BREAK FOR SUMMER – Wednesday 22nd July @ 3.15pm

Helen Morris and Nanette Allies