

Newsletter

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Monday 14th July 2014

Stars of the week

Stars of the Week for last week were:

Ben Outen	Siena Rock
Kian Hall	Rhylee Dodman
Bailey Ozelton	Alan Saloman
Ricardo Ferreira	Oliver Jurczak
Alfie Dodman	Danilea Ozolina
Aymee Tuffs	Millie Harrison-Motley
Jessica Noakes	Charlie Adams
Marco Ferreira	Josh Galvao



Teampoints

Last week's results were:

- 1st: Yellow
- 2nd: Blue
- 3rd: Green
- 4th: Red



Congratulations to **Yellow** team for winning the week. Yellow are well in the lead (by 5 points!)

Attendance results

Wrens 1:	94.7%	<i>Requires improvement</i>
Wrens 2:	95.8%	<i>Good</i>
Magpies:	94.1%	<i>Requires improvement</i>
Swallows:	96.6 %	Outstanding
Robins:	98.0%	Outstanding WINNER!
Skylarks:	86.2%	<i>Inadequate</i>
Herons:	96.7%	Outstanding
Kestrels:	96.5%	Outstanding

Last week's attendance: **94.5%**
Requires improvement (poor attendance in Skylarks)

Attendance since September: **94.0%**
Requires improvement

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Move up days & new classes

Details of new classes will be sent home today, and school reports will be sent home tomorrow (Tuesday) Move up days are Wednesday and Thursday and children should go to the playground as normal and line up outside the relevant classroom. Children are back in their usual classes on Thursday.

Attendance and Penalty Notices

Suffolk County Council have just announced a change to the penalty notice protocol, following a recent consultation. At present, if your child has 5 days of unauthorised absence, you receive a warning notice and only receive a penalty notice (£60) if your child has any further unauthorised absence.

From 1st September, there is no warning period. If your child has unauthorised absence, you will receive a penalty notice of £60 per pupil, per parent. Absences are unauthorised if there is not an exceptional reason for the child being away from school. Also, late arrivals after 9.05am are classed as unauthorised absence.

Please be aware of this when making plans for holidays, as now the penalty notices are effective immediately. If the penalty notice is not paid within 28 days it doubles to £120. If still not paid, parents are summoned to court.

Troy Story

All KS2 children are expected for the evening performance of Troy Story tonight. Children should be at school for 6pm. Tickets are £2 each from the office or on the door. It's a great show some come and watch!


Mr A Smith, Headteacher

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To: Parent / Carer

Dear Parent / Carer

Re: Amendments to Penalty Notices Code of Conduct to tackle non-school attendance

Reducing absence from school is a key priority both nationally and locally. In Suffolk, we appreciate that the majority of parents ensure that their children attend school regularly.

Suffolk County Council is committed to providing all children with the best start in life and works hard to improve the attendance of a small but significant minority.

This letter is to inform you that, from 1st September 2014, the Education Attendance Service on behalf of Suffolk County Council will be issuing fixed penalty notice fines when unauthorised absence occurs and where a pupil is stopped with parents / carers during a truancy sweep and the absence is not authorised by the school.

It is important that you ensure that your child(ren) attend school regularly and if your child is absent from school you must make the school fully aware of the circumstances. Please remember that schools are limited in the reasons they can accept for absences and they are required to notify the Local Authority if a pupil is regularly missing school for unacceptable reasons.

If you are concerned about your child's school attendance it is important that you contact your child's school as soon as possible to discuss the problem.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely



Margaret Smith
Lead Attendance Officer