



Ardeley St Lawrence C of E Primary School

Newsletter

11 January 2019

Dear Parents,

It was lovely to see all the children back in school this week. They all look well rested and several have definitely grown!

Our attendance for the Autumn Term was 95%. I have started to send out letters regarding low attendance and the Local Authority do issue fines to parents whose children have low attendance. It is so important that children attend school every day - I believe passionately that every school day matters in a child's education. This is backed up by plenty of research to show how crucial regular attendance is in ensuring children reach their full potential.

We all know how expensive holidays can be - however this is not a valid reason to take children out of school. We have just put our 19/20 Term Dates on the website. We work very hard when considering the placement of our INSET days and our Occasional day to help you make the most of slightly cheaper rates by setting off before most schools break up. Please look at our INSET day in October, our May Bank Holiday dates and our Summer end of term dates all of which have been chosen to help you make the most of the cheaper rates without taking your children out of school.

As we did not give out Merit certificates in the last week of term we have many to award today - well done to these children:

ORANGE: Harley, Theo, Oscar B, Thomas, Mei, Dominique, Stan, Eve, Ayva
YELLOW: Henry, Laylah, Tobie, Maddie, Daniel, Santi, Lacey RS, Rex, Jose, Corbie
GREEN: Archie
BLUE: Loren

Our reverse advent calendar was very welcomed by the Food Shed, who asked Mr Connolly to pass on their thanks for our generosity.

Please park carefully in the mornings. We have had several occasions this week of people parking on pavements and therefore blocking the safe passage of children to school. Parking must be safe and considerate. Please do not:

Park on the pavement

Block in other cars

Block the access of the residents of the houses in The Crescent or School Lane

Park on the Yellow ZigZags - this is illegal, the markings are there for child safety

Overtake during drop off - this is extremely dangerous

Please also:

Park in sequence on the gravelled car park on the left - from the front to the back, this will fit more cars in.

Ensure you park efficiently - don't take up too much space

Don't park on the bends - this stops other cars getting round and blocks pavements

Consider parking by the church. There are spaces just past the duck pond on the right.



Once you have parked please ensure you use the pavements. Please supervise your children and do not let them run off - even crossing to the park can be dangerous. We all need to work together for the safety of our children.

Primary admissions close on Tuesday 15 January - thank you if you have recommended us to a friend or colleague.

With kind regards,

Mrs Connolly



Spring Diary Dates



Half Term

18 - 22 February

Swimming Y 3 & 4

Second half of the Spring Term
First half of the Summer Term

Parent Consultations

12 & 13 March

End of Spring Term

5 April