

## January 2024 Newsletter

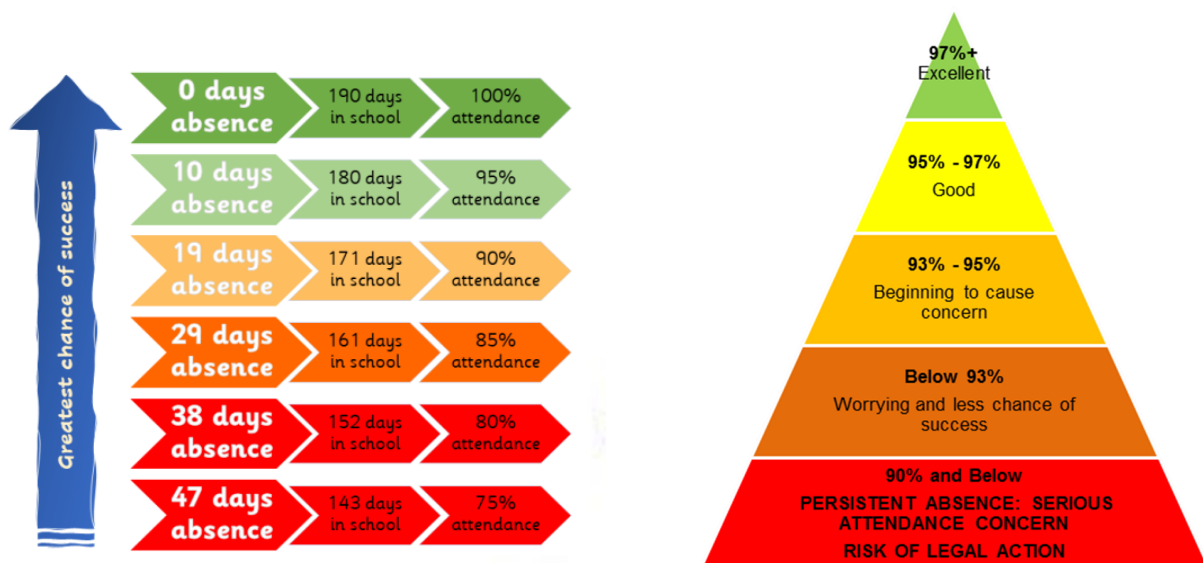
Welcome back and 'Happy New Year' to everyone. I do hope you managed to relax and enjoy some family time over the Christmas break.

Staff News– We are very pleased to welcome Miss Andreea Caplat to our team at Griffe Field. Mrs Sharon Gahonia retired at Christmas and we wish her well for her future adventures.

Please name all belongings, it is much easier to return items when we know who they belong to. Hats and gloves are particularly useful at the moment, children are going out to play in the cold weather and Nursery/Reception still go outside for their learning.

Children are not allowed to wear jewellery to school. Simple stud earrings, an inexpensive watch and a Kara are allowed. Earrings and Kara must be removed (or covered) for PE and watches removed. Thank you.

Attendance and arriving on time is very important. We do reward the children for 100% attendance and also classes when they have 100% attendance in a week. We obviously rely on parents to bring their children to school regularly and on time. The gates open at 8.45am and classroom doors open at 8.50am. All doors and gates are locked at 9am. If your child is just 5 or 10mins late they have missed the teaching input for the first lesson of the day. Collection times for the end of the day are Nursery - 3pm, Reception - 3.10pm, Years 1 & 2 - 3.15pm and Years 3,4,5 and 6 - 3.20pm.



Years 1- 6, please send in a new glue stick for your child to use in school.

Alternatively use 'School Money' to purchase one via school for £1. Each child keeps their own glue stick in their pencil case. Thank you.

School uniform is very important and children are expected to come to school appropriately dressed every day. Please refer to the 'Uniform Expectations' sheets which has been shared numerous times on ParentHub. **PE days are NOT 'wear what you like' days!** Backpacks are starting to appear again, they are not required, they cause a health and safety issue as coats end up all over the floor in the corridors. A book-bag is the school expectation.

# Diary Dates

INSET Days 2023-24

Friday 2nd February, Friday 12th July, Monday 15th July

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| Fri 19 Jan   | Year 2 World Religion Day Assembly 9.05am  |
| *Wed 24 Jan  | *Reception parents - phonics workshop 2.15pm *(change of date)                           |
| Fri 26 Jan   | 3HM Class Assembly 9.05am  |
| Tue 30 Jan   | Nursery and Reception Bedtime Story evening 4.30-5.15pm                                  |
| <b><u>Thurs 1 Feb</u></b>                                  | 5U Class Assembly  |
| Fri 2 Feb  | INSET 3  |
| Tues 6 Feb   | EYFS and KS1 disco straight after school.  |
| Wed 7 Feb  | KS2 disco straight after school.   |
| Wed 14 Feb   | SATs meeting for parents (Year 6 parents only)   |
| Fri 16 Feb   | 4SW Class Assembly   |
| Fri 16 Feb   | Break up for half term   |
| Griffe Field Holiday Club (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday) |  |
| Mon 26 Feb   | Spring 2 term starts   |
| Tues 27 Feb  | am-Bridge the Gap coffee morning for parents (information will be given nearer the time) |
| Wed 6 March  | Parents' Evening   |
| Thurs 7 March  | Parents' Evening   |
| Fri 8 March  | 2MR Class Assembly 9.05am  |
| Fri 15 March   | 3M Class Assembly 9.05am   |
| Wed 20 March   | Easter Bingo FOG event   |
| Fri 22 March   | Y1 Easter Assembly 9.05am  |
| Tues 26 March  | RSE Meeting for parents 5.15pm   |
| Thurs 28 March   | Year 6 Vaisakhi Assembly 9.05am  |
| Thurs 28 March   | Break up for Easter holiday at the normal time.  |

The 'Emotions Library' bookcase is available to all parents in the main reception. You are welcome to sign out and loan any of the books for two weeks.



## New Year Resolution Idea ☺

(For the second year!)

**Please park legally, safely and away from school. Park and Stride!!**

**The parking situation around school never improves. Cars are stopping in the middle of the road and children are getting out into the traffic, parents are mounting the curb and nearly hitting pedestrians and illegal parking is making junctions dangerous. PLEASE PARK AWAY FROM SCHOOL AND SPEND 5 MINS WALKING AND TALKING WITH YOUR CHILD!**