

Friday 4th November 2016



Monthly Attendance Award

The winning classes last month are:

1R
98.6%

3C
98.5%

1H
97.8%

Well Done

The whole school attendance for last month is:

96%

94.7%

95%

The national average expectation is 96%



Head Of School Certificate



Layla A

Lily N

Tyree D

14th October

21st October

4th November



Well Done



Golden Award

Pupils who have received a 'Golden Award' Certificate are:

	14 TH October	21 st October	4 th November
AM	Oscar	All morning children	Bobby
PM	Archie	All afternoon children	Lexi-leigh
RB	Leighton	Tommy	Ava
RD	Riley	Lilly	Cyra
1H	Abdul	Ella	William, Jeremy, Destiny & Faizan
1R	Miraj	Natalia	Gracie, Mohammad, Madison, Ebony & Luka
2B	Morgan	Lincoln	Morgan
2D	Taylon	Nathan	Kennedy
3B	Muhammed	Bronson	Harry
3C	Ashaz	Ismail	Lacey
4B	Oliver	Jodie	Rhianna
4G	Tyree	Armaan	Emily
5I	Ashton	Umar	Grace
5T	Saad	Jessica	Jack
6K	Devon	James	Mehak
6M	Chloe	Leticia	Morgan

There will be a few changes with regards to staffing over the next half term. Mr Morris will sadly be leaving The Ferns at Christmas. Although we are disappointed to lose him from our school staff, the move means that he will become a Deputy Headteacher in another school and for this we offer him our full support and congratulations.

The stability and progress of our pupils is of the utmost importance. Due to this, Mr Trott will gradually be making the transition into Year 6 during this next half term. He is already familiar to the pupils in Year 6 so this change will cause minimal disruption to their learning and SATs preparation.

Finally, Miss Holland will be replacing Mr Trott in Year 5. We apologise to parents who were expecting Miss Holland to teach in Year 1 this term as this has been an unforeseen change of plan. However, Mrs May who has developed fantastic relationships with the pupils in this year group shall remain with her class for the rest of the year so again there will be no disruption to the learning of the Year 1 pupils.

Thank you for your continued support.

Reception Open Day for 2017 starters

Thursday 10th November 10am – 2pm – 6pm

Whole School Christmas Dinner

The whole school will be having Christmas dinner on Tuesday 13th December. If your child is on packed lunches and you would like a school dinner on this day please let the office know with a payment of £1.25.

Absence

If your child is going to be absent from school, please ensure that the school office is notified before 9.30am. Academy policy states that if a child does not have a mark in the register and no explanation has been given, a text will be sent immediately to the child's main contact. If school are not informed before 9:30am then the child will receive an unauthorised mark on the register; this can consequently lead to a fine. The failure to respond to one of these texts will be classed as an unauthorised absence. Recently our attendance system has been picking up patterns in the days which some pupils are failing to attend school. Issues like this will be addressed at a formal panel meeting.

Finally many children are being collected during school hours in order to attend medical appointments. Unless it is an emergency, appointments must be made outside of school hours or during school holidays. We are unable to release children for such appointments without written confirmation from the medical profession.

2016 to 2017 academic year

Key stage 1

Date	Activity
May 2017	Key stage 1 SATs testing period
Week commencing Monday 12 June 2017	Year 1 Phonics screening check week

Key stage 2

The key stage 2 statutory tests are timetabled from Monday 8th May to Thursday 11th May 2017. All pupils across the country must take the tests at the designated time.

Date	Activity
Monday 8 May 2017	English reading
Tuesday 9 May 2017	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1: questions
	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2: spelling
Wednesday 10 May 2017	Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic
	Mathematics Paper 2: reasoning
Thursday 11 May 2017	Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning

*** Please check diary dates – lots of events coming up *
Forthcoming Dates – Autumn Term 2016**

Tuesday 8 th November	Parents Evening Rec – Y5 3.30 - 6.30
Thursday 10 th November	Reception Intake 10am 2pm & 6pm
Friday 11 th November	Y6 Trip Y4 Assembly
Monday 14 th November	Y3 Trip
Wednesday 16 th November	Y2 Trip
Friday 18 th November	“Spotacular” Children In Need – dress in spots £1 donation Y1 Trip Y3 Trip
Monday 28 th November	Y4 Trip 4G
Tuesday 29 th November	Y4 Trip 4B
Tuesday 6 th December	Visit from Santa and his reindeer
Wednesday 7 th December	Panto Ferns Christmas Markets 3 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. (PTFA Winter Fair)
Monday 12 th December	Y4 & Y5 Production 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.
Tuesday 13 th December	Whole School Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 14 th December	Y2 & Y3 Production 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.
Thursday 15 th December	EYFS & Y1 Production 2.30 p.m. & 5.30 p.m.
Friday 16 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 20 th December	Last Day of Term

A Young

Mrs A Young
Head Of School



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