



WORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

"lifelong learning"

Dear Parents,

As part of the school's drive to improve school attendance, we are updating our paperwork to be in line with national guidance and expectations. Government legislation came into force in 2013 stating that; 'Head teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.' It was made very clear to Head teachers that exceptional circumstances do not include a family holiday. However, I am aware that there are exceptional circumstances with extenuating or compassionate reasons and these will be considered on an individual basis. 'Leave of absence' forms are now available from the school office which must be completed at least 2 weeks before the requested leave begins. The decision on whether this is authorised or not will depend on:

- Current and previous attendance
- The educational benefit of the leaving
- The timing of the absence- SATS, beginning of the school year.

Parents choosing to take unauthorised leave of absence may be subject to a penalty notice (fine) issued by Kent County Council. Please come and talk to us, if you are considering taking a leave of absence for your child, so that we can discuss the situation fully.

Regards

Jo Hygate

Dates for your Diary:

Mon 20th Mar—Cheerleading and Traditional Tales after school clubs until 4.15pm.

Tues 21st Mar—Team theme archery club until 4.30pm.

Thurs 23rd Mar— Mother's Day gift stall— pocket money gifts (no more than £3)

Fri 24th Mar – Red Nose Day non uniform— wear something red and cake sale at break time.

Mon 27th Mar—Traditional Tales and Cheerleading after school clubs until 4.15pm.

Tues 28th Mar—Team theme archery club until 4.30pm.

Fri 31st Mar— Easter bonnets and gardens into school; Easter Service at Church; End of Term 4 - School closes @ 2.15pm.

Parent Meetings

Thank you to everyone who came to the parent consultations. We hope you found the information valuable. If you were unable to make your appointment then please see your child's class teacher to arrange another time as soon as possible.

RED NOSE DAY—Friday 24th March

This will be a 'wear something red' non-uniform day for a £1 donation towards Comic Relief.

The children are also holding a cake sale to raise money for Red Nose Day but they need your help! Please send in any cake donations (individual cakes) in the morning and the children will sell them at break time for 20p per cake. Thank you!



READING

Reading continues to be a key priority in school so please take time to share a book with your child. Please remember to SIGN your child's reading record book as we now have Reading Ranger Awards— please ask your child about this!



Our School Values

TEAMWORK

CONFIDENCE

RESPECT

HONESTY

EMPATHY



All children are invited to make an Easter bonnet and/or an Easter garden for our Easter church service at the end of term.

Please send these into school on Friday 31st March, 2017.