

# **Apple Press**

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Dear parents and carers,

I hope that you have found this week's parent meets teacher meetings useful and informative - who can believe that we are already just over half way through the school year!

Many of you may remember the attendance letter that was sent out in September as attendance is an important National and local issue for schools, parents and children.

The attendance for this year up to February 10th 2023 for each year group is as follows:

Reception: 94.64%

Year 1: 96.3% Year 2: 96.33% Year 3: 94.83% Year 4 95.16% Year 5: 97.53% Year 6: 95.39%

#### Overall school attendance is 95.76%

Attendance is monitored on a regular basis and parents/ carers will be notified individually where appropriate by letter.

I would like to take the opportunity to remind all parents and carers that term time holidays are not routinely approved, only in exceptional circumstances. Taking children out of school for a term time holiday could result in a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) being issued.

Further information can be found here:

https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/behaviour-andattendance/attendance/fixed-penalty-notice-for-absence

### Staff update:

I would like to inform Wrens parents that Miss Sanders will remain with us for the whole of this academic year, which is great news for the children and us all here in school!

On a very sad note I would like to make the whole school aware that Mrs Stanley will be leaving us at the end of the year. Mrs Stanley has made a significant contribution to the success of the school over the many years that she has taught here at Banham and also as a school governor.

I am sure that Mrs Stanley will be greatly missed by the many children, families and members of staff who she has supported over this time.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all of her hard work and efforts and wish her all the very best in the future.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mr Gamble













We would like to give a big shout out to Friends of Banham School (FOBS) and your support raising funds for coaches on Fridays with the cake sale so we can go ahead with school trips as well as all their hard work in organizing events and enhancing school life for the children.  $\triangle$ 

Thank you to those that have sent some bits in for the Mother's Day Sale.

On Friday 17th March FOBS would like to organise a sale for the children in school. There will be a selection of items for children to browse and buy and bring home as a surprise for someone special.

To help gather a wider selection of items for children to purchase we would like to put out a request for any unwanted gifts at home that you could donate to school.

If you have any spare gift bags we could reuse would also be much appreciated.

Please can any donations be brought into school between now and Friday 10th March.

Many thanks



We are kindly asking for donations to the Easter Egg Raffle in the next couple of weeks leading up to 31 March, last day of term. Tickets will be on sale for a week 27-31 March, 20p each, £1 a strip.

We will also hold an Easter Bonnet Competition on the last day of term, bring your homemade bonnets to win a prize! There will be a prize per class.

Many thanks,

School Council



- Wrens girls UEA Sportspark Disney Inspired Shooting Star Multi Skills Festival trip Wednesday 8 March.
- NSPCC online safety presentation for KS2 Thursday 9 March.
- Robins & Wrens phonics morning with parents 9-10:30am Thursday 16 March.
- Mother's Day Sale Friday 17 March.
- Mother's Day messages from Wrens class publish in the EDP Friday 17 March.

## Diary Dates

### The highlighted dates are new/amended dates

- 8 March Wrens girls invited to UEA Sportspark, Norwich to attend KS1 Disney Inspired Shooting Stars Festival, Biggest Ever Football Session #LetGirlsPlay
- 9 March NSPCC to speak to Y5/6
- 16 March Phonics Morning with parents of Wrens & Robins
- 17 March Mother's Day gift sale for the children
- 17 March Red Nose Day pupils dress up as staff, staff dress up as pupils
- 20 March Spring Equinox
- 22 March World Water Day
- 23 March Skylarks trip to Amazona Zoo
- 24 March Mad Science Assembly
- 30 March Y5/6 Rugby Tournament
- 31 March Easter Raffle
- 1-17 April Easter Break
- 17 April INSET Day
- 18 April-23 May Forest School for Y2, 4 & 5 (due to Y6 SATs)
- 27 April-13 July Y3, 4 & 5 Swimming Lessons
- 24 April-22 May Afterschool Sports Club with South Norfolk Tennis for Skylarks only
- 1 May Bank Holiday
- 9-12 May Y6 SATs Week
- 25 May New Robins Parent's Evening @ 6pm
- 27 May 4 June Half Term
- 12 June 10 July Afterschool Sports Club with South Norfolk Tennis for Robins only
- 6 June 18 July Forest School for YR, 1, 3 & 6
- 14-16 June Swifts Residential
- 19 June Class Photos
- 22 June & 29 June Robins new intake mornings & moving up day for all other years TBC
- 27 June Sports Day TBC
- 30 June Robins Trip to ROARR!
- 7 July Reports Out
- 12 July Rock Steady Concert TBC
- 14 July Leaver's Assembly followed by Strawberry Tea
- 20 July School Disco
- 21 July Last Day of School

