

19th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Newsletter

Young Voices

What an amazing experience for our children this week participating in 'Young Voices' at the O2. We are so proud of all the children for all their hard work, not just on the day but attending practices and being so diligent learning their songs. The children sang with such **enthusiasm**, and showed incredible **self-belief**, two of our school values. All children were excellent role models for the school and gained so much from this event.

A huge thank you to Mr Blake-Lobb for all his time, effort and energy in preparing the children for Young Voices. As you can imagine the organisation required behind the scenes to ensure the visit is safe and successful is immense. We are very grateful to Miss Harwood, Mrs Turner and Mr Pledger for their help with the event too, it was a lovely but long day for children and adults alike!

Attendance

We have unfortunately noticed an increase in parents/carers not **calling** to report their child's absence, resulting in calls home. We would like to remind all parents/carers of our Attendance policy as follows:-

Parents/Carers are expected to:-

- Make sure their child attends every school day on time.
- **Call the school (rather than WhatsApp or email)** to report their child's absence before 9:30am on the day of the absence and each subsequent day of absence, and advise when they are expected to return.
- Provide the school with more than one emergency contact number for their child
- Ensure that, where possible, appointments for their child are made outside of the school day

Thank you in advance for your help and understanding in this matter.

MMR Vaccination

We have been asked to share the following information with you and I am sure you have heard recent media reports on the rise in cases of measles.

Make sure your child has received the MMR vaccination.

Routine vaccinations play a huge part in protecting us all against a range of unpleasant and often serious childhood diseases, including measles, mumps and rubella. Check your child is up to date with their MMR and other childhood vaccinations here: www.westsussex.gov.uk/campaigns/childhood-immunisations/

Older children and adults who haven't had both doses of the MMR vaccine could be at risk of measles. Two doses of the MMR vaccine are needed for lifelong protection and

it's never too late to catch up on missed vaccinations. Vaccinations are offered free of charge in the UK, simply call your GP practice to book an appointment.

For more information please visit www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine/

Absolute Sports

Please note there are **NO** Absolute Sport Clubs next week Monday 22nd January through to Friday 26th January. Please remember to collect your child at 3:10pm. You can always book your child into Hummingbirds via Parentpay.

Dates for your diary

Safer Internet Day	Tuesday 6th February
Science Day	Thursday 29th February
Half Term	Monday 12th - Friday 16th February
INSET Day	Monday 19th February
World Book Day	Thursday 7th March
House event: Spelling Bee	Wednesday 13th March
Annual reports	Friday 22nd March
Parent/Carer/teacher Consultation Evenings	Tuesday 26th March & Wednesday 27th March 3:30pm - 6:00pm
Last day of term	Thursday 28th March

Have a good weekend

Mrs Norton