

Welcome back to Spring Term 2011

Welcome back to a new year and a new school term. Hopefully we have now seen the worst of the winter weather. We only close school as a last resort when the conditions are particularly difficult and we do so for the welfare of our pupils. Any closures will be announced on air on BBC Radio Leicester and on their web site. Parents who are 'signed up' to Parent Mail will receive either a text message or an e-mail notifying them directly of the closure. If you have not yet signed up to this messaging system please contact the school office for more details.



School Day and Punctuality

A member of staff will be on duty on the playground from **9.00**. The 'whistle' for lining up will be blown at **5 past nine** and classes will be entering school by **10 past 9**, ready to start work at **9.15**.

If you and your children arrive after **9.10** please take them to the school office to ensure that they are registered. Registers will be formally closed at **9.20**, arrival after this time will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

If your child is absent from school please contact the school office on the first morning of their absence

FACTS (Leicestershire School Improvement Service)

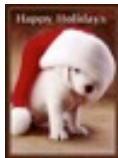
Having only **90%** attendance actually means that you are away from school half a day every week! In one year that is nearly 4 whole weeks (19 days) and throughout your child's school life means **over one year** of learning lost!

Over half of students with less than 92% attendance don't get the SATs level that they should.

Most students with less than 90% attendance get 1 level lower in Maths, English and Science.

Dinner Money

I am pleased to be able to say that there has been no increase in the cost of school dinners. They remain at £1.90 a day or £9.50 per week. Please pay for the meals as you order them.



Christmas Card Recycling

We are taking part in the Leicestershire recycling scheme, so please do send us your used cards.

Current Dates for Spring Term 2011;

- January** Monday 10th Football club starts
Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th before school multi sports club starts
Week Commencing Monday 17th school clubs start
Friday 28th, Film Club
- February** Friday 18th school **closes** for **half term**
Monday 28th February second half of Spring term starts
- March** Friday 4th, Film Club
- April** Friday 1st, Film Club
Tuesday 5th, Curriculum evening 6.00 – 7.00pm
Friday 15th school **closes** for **Easter**
- May** Wednesday 4th school **reopens** for **summer term**