



January 2017 Newsletter

Happy New Year

Thank You

I just wanted to say a sincere thank you to the whole school community for such a warm welcome back to Charles Baines School. Returning to work after 10 months on maternity leave is always going to have its challenges, but staff, children and parents have made the transition back to work an extremely positive one and it is really good to be back. It already feels like I've never been away!

Thank you all for your support.

Well done!

Congratulations to all of the children at Charles Baines for returning back to their learning with great focus and determination. I have been really impressed with the attitude to learning across school.

Attendance

Attendance is something we are working hard to improve. I have set the target of achieving 97%+ for attendance in 2016/17. We did suffer a spate of illness before Christmas; all of the classes are determined to win each week as part of our achievement assembly. Currently, our attendance figure is 95.41% for the year – we can do it!

After School Clubs

After-school clubs will start the week commencing the 16th January and will end on Friday 17th March. If you have booked onto a club, please see it through as most clubs are over-subscribed.

Head-lice Alert

Please check your child's hair regularly and treat immediately.

E-safety and viewing inappropriate material

Lots of children have received tablets, games consoles, mobile phones and other forms of technology as Christmas presents. We have been given the opportunity to work with children, staff and parents to deliver E-safety workshops to enable staff and parents to keep children safe when using such items. These workshops will highlight the importance of parental monitoring of these items and will reinforce the importance for not giving them access to the internet unless they are absolutely ready in terms of maturity and self-regulation. We will run a number of workshops for the children to develop their knowledge and awareness of online safety on Monday 23rd January. I will also be inviting any parents who are interested in finding out about keeping their children safe and developing their knowledge of E-safety on Monday 23rd January too. Further details will follow.

Residentials

The next £20 instalment for Rand Farm is due on the 31st January and the final payment for London is 3rd February.

School Closure Procedures

In the event of bad weather, a text message will be sent out as soon as a decision has been made as to whether the School can operate safely. We have to assess the following when making a decision:

- Accessibility on foot and the risk of falling on the premises
- Accessibility by car/ambulance for pick up/emergency services
- Staff ratios to ensure supervision is at or above those agreed within each class and safety can be maintained

We will also inform the Snowline at Lincs FM and put a notice on the website. I appreciate this can cause inconvenience, but the health and safety of the children is paramount.

Important Dates for your diary:

Monday 23 rd January	Online Safety advice sessions for parents- further details to follow
Thursday 9 th February	Whole school Art exhibition pm Y4 and Y5 Drumming concert am
Friday 10 th February	School closes for half-term at 3.30pm
Monday 20 th February	School re-opens to the children
Thursday 23 rd March	Parents Consultation Evening
Monday 27 th and Tuesday 28 th March	Year 6 London Residential
Wednesday 29 th and Friday 31 st March	Year 6 puberty talk
Friday 31 st March	School closes for the Easter holidays
Tuesday 18 th April	School re-opens for the Summer term

***Any changes to dates will be communicated by separate letter.**

Kind regards,

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Headteacher