

ATTENDANCE

During a recent check of attendance we were surprised to find that we have 47 children with attendance levels of less than 95%. That is nearly a third of all children in school !! As you are aware the government collect statistics on attendance and schools are expected to have at least 95.3% overall attendance which is classed as average or preferably 95.85% which is classed as above average. Please can we ask you to help us in improving our whole school attendance by making sure your child does not take 'odd days' off for long weekends or going to 'special activities' during term time. We appreciate that children are sometimes ill and need to be at home and that is understandable but it is the 'extra' absences that cause levels to drop. We will be writing to the parents of children with less than average attendance at the end of this term.

EARLY ARRIVALS

Just a reminder that children should not arrive at school before 8.35am unless you are with them. Children are not supervised before this time and we cannot ensure their safety. Children should arrive between 8.35-8.40am ready for the start of the school day.

MOBILE PHONES

Please can we remind everyone that if you take photos on your mobile phone of any displays etc in school that feature children then the photos **must not be uploaded to any social media network sites**.

SUNSHINE

Even though the weather is getting a little warmer children still need to bring a coat/jacket to school each day. The day may be fine and warm on a morning but by lunchtime the weather can change and children still need an extra layer.

SUN SAFETY REMINDER

To ensure children remain protected from the effects of over exposure to the sun (especially at lunchtimes) **please can you make sure your child brings a peaked cap into school with their name written inside**. If you wish your child to wear sun protection cream please can these bottles/tubes also have names written clearly on them. We will encourage children to wear their hats and to apply their own cream/lotion when necessary.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May 11-14 th	KS2 SATs – Year 6
May 12 th	Fourth swimming lesson Y4
May 19 th	Sports Champion am Fifth swimming lesson Y4
May 22 nd	School closes for half term break
Jun 2 nd	School reopens Sixth swimming lesson Y4
Jun 9 th	Seventh swimming lesson Y4
Jun 11 th	KS2 Bike Day and Y7 tutor Risedale to see Y6 children
Jun 12 th	KS2 Fun run – KS1 Bike Day
Jun 16 th	Eighth swimming lesson Y4 FS2 & Y6 class photos
Jun 23 rd	Ninth swimming lesson Y4
Jun 24 th	Assembly – Water safety – Y1-Y6
Jun 25 th	Sports Day Y6 Richmond School meeting 6.30pm
Jun 26 th	Camo Day – SSAFA
Jun 27 th	MSSA Duck race 2.30pm
Jun 30 th	Final swimming lesson Y4 and Activity Day for Richmond Y6's Y6 Parent and Pupil Info Evening 7pm
Jul 1 st	Y6 performance to parents 1.30pm and 6.30pm
Jul 3 rd	Y6 Induction Day Richmond and SFX Schools
Jul 10 th	MSSA Disco
Jul 15 th	Celebration Day and picnic
Jul 17 th	Leavers Service – St Anne's church 9.30am

Thanks for reading this – enjoy the weekend

From the children and staff of The Michael Syddall C of E School

