



Chinese New Year As part of celebrating the forthcoming Chinese new Year (1st February) Swale Class will be taking part in a Chinese Dance Workshop on Friday 4th February 2022. Please log onto parentpay to give consent for your child to take part and to make your voluntary donation. Thank you.



Parents' Evening We are excited to welcome you back into school soon after we return from February half term. We will be holding parent consultations on

Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th March from 4pm - 6pm. This is an opportunity for you to come into school and have a look at all the work that the children are doing as well as a chance to discuss their progress with the teaching staff. Further details and how to book a meeting slot will be sent out nearer the time but for the time-being, please keep these dates free! Thank you.



4 Jan - Staff Training Day
5 Jan - Children return
4 Feb - Chinese Dance Day for Y2/3
9 Feb - FGB meeting
17 Feb - break up for half term
18 Feb - staff training day
28 Feb - Return to school



Attendance I have a statutory duty to monitor attendance and punctuality and act upon any attendance that is a cause for concern. If a child's attendance dips below 95% then I have to investigate the reasons why. More often than not, of late, children's attendance is directly attributed to a school request asking them to be at home either because of covid, because of being a close contacts of a positive case or because of a sickness bug. This however makes a nonsense of the whole attendance issue - basically, schools have been encouraged to send children home, but are now asking parents to improve their child's poor attendance! It is non-sensical but it is an area that I will be challenged on by the LA or Ofsted under the 'Behaviour and Attitudes' section of the inspection schedule. Thank you for your understanding in this.

And finally...we have had two **Positive Cases in Wharfe Class** and following advice from PHE England, we have had to isolate the class from the rest of the school. This simply means that they will be kept separate from everybody else for a period of 7 days; they will have their lunch in the classroom and will not be attending assemblies or swimming. This really illustrates the importance of daily LFD testing so, if you have a child in Wharfe Class, then you must continue to test them daily so any other cases can be identified as early as possible. Thank you.

Pre School - Our theme this half term is: 'Let's explore!'

Reception and Year 1 - Our theme this half term is: 'Let's explore!'

Year 2 and 3 - Our theme this half term is: 'Let's go to China'

Year 4, 5 and 6 - Our theme this half term is: 'Vikings and Anglo-saxons'