

# The Early Bird

Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught and you will overflow with thankfulness . Colossians 2:7



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## From the headteacher....

Dear parents and carers,

Happy new year to you all and I hope you had a wonderful Christmas. Can I thank you for all your warm festive wishes, cards and presents. I am still eating the chocolates! The children worked hard at the end of term and the staff made it a special place to be. I am sure you will agree we were all incredibly proud of our year 5 and 6 pupils who undertook in 'pop up carol singing' outside, as we left the school for Christmas on that last Friday. I had a tear.

It is also wonderful to have everyone back in. We still, and will, continue to have staff and pupils ill due to Covid. If you could continue to social distance as much as possible and keep your masks on if talking with staff.

Our reading challenge still continues in the spring term so keep encouraging your children to read with yourself and independently, little and often...or even lots and often!

It was also overwhelming to see so many of our year 6 pupils joining the SATS booster session after school this week. Thank you parents for sending them, and between us all we will make a supportive team to help ensure they are the best they can be. Look out soon for information on our Year 2 booster sessions.

I wish you a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs SM Bowyer

Headteacher

Prayer found by Mrs Bowyer

JANUARY

*Because you are with me, Lord,  
I can wait in patience and in hope  
for the new life you bring.*

**Dedication - Courage - Joy**

# Attendance

## Attendance Policy Reminder

To report your child's absence please **inform us by 9am**. This can be done by phoning 01782 238889 and leave a message.

If your child is absent by registration and we have not heard from you, we will call you.

It is important that we know why your child is not in school—if we do not hear this can become a safeguarding issue

- ◆ If your child has leave of absence a fine will be given.
- ◆ An Application for Leave of Absence in Exceptional Circumstances During Term Time form needs to be completed at least a week in advance and handed to the office.
- ◆ If your child is off for more than 3 days we need to see medical evidence. If this is not seen absence will be unauthorised.
- ◆ Attendance and punctuality is monitored very closely, and if we notice that your child's attendance has dropped, you will be invited in for an attendance meeting.

## Coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms in children—*Please check the NHS Website for up to date information*

Children can get coronavirus (COVID-19), but they seem to get it less often than adults and it's usually less serious.

### **The main symptoms of COVID-19 are:**

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

### **What to do if your child has symptoms**

If your child has any of the main symptoms of COVID-19, even if they're mild:

1. Get a PCR test (test that is sent to a lab) to check if they have COVID-19 as soon as possible.
2. Your child should stay at home and not have visitors (self-isolate) until you get the test result – they can only leave home to have the test. [Check if you and anyone else your child lives with need to self-isolate.](#)