

Hintlesham and Chattisham C of E



NEWSLETTER

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St Edmundsbury and Ipswich
Diocesan Multi Academy Trust

SEPTEMBER

School Vision

“Jesus is the light of the world ... we are gems that reflect his light as we learn.”
The Christian Bible talks of God seeing humans as his jewels in the making (Malachi 3:16-17).

This Term's School Value

Peace

This Term's British Value

Democracy

Friday 13th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to be writing my first newsletter to you all.

It has been a wonderful start to the new term. I have very much enjoyed meeting many of you at the school gate and getting to know the children in school. I have appreciated their patience as I work hard to learn all of their names!

I have been most impressed with the calm and positive atmosphere in school and in seeing the children playing together at break and lunchtimes.

The youngest members of our school have settled in brilliantly, helped by their buddies, and today in our first celebration assembly of the term we were able to award star of the week certificates to every class as a whole for their fantastic start to the term.

I would like to thank everyone within the school community for making me, and other staff and children who have also joined our school community this term, feel so very welcome.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Burgess

School Attendance

New Attendance Policy and requirements

Our new Multi-Academy Trust and School Attendance Policy is now available on our school website. It is essential for pupils to attend school every day to get the most out of their school experience, including their attainment, wellbeing and wider life chances. As parents/carers, you have a legal responsibility to ensure your child's attendance at school.

Key changes for parents and carers to be aware of are:

Leave of Absence Forms

This form should be completed if you know in advance of a reason as to why your child will not be attending school, including for any medical appointments.

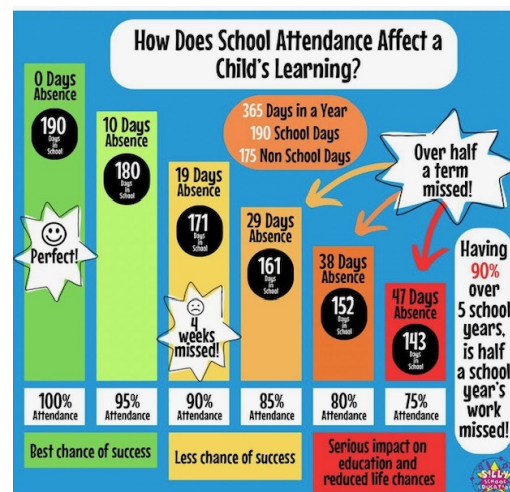
Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Forms are available from the school office or as a download on our school website.

Penalty Notices

The DfE have now introduced a national framework for penalty notices. Unauthorised absences of 5 days (10 sessions) or more within a 10-week rolling period may result in the issue of a penalty notice.

Full details can be found in our Multi-Academy Trust and School Attendance Policy which can be found on our website.



Class Attendance

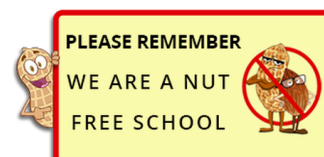
Class attendance to date:

Ruby Class: 99.47%

Emerald Class: 96.53%

Sapphire Class: 94.44%

Diamond Class: 95.57%



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NEW: Sharing Assembly

This term we are introducing our new 'sharing assembly.' This will be an assembly to which you are invited as parents and carers. The sharing assembly will be led by one of our classes. As a contrast to our more rehearsed and formal performances and assemblies, it will be a relaxed, child-led assembly where the children will take the opportunity to share with you as their parents and carers what they have been busy learning in school.

Diamond class have kindly agreed to lead the way. Their sharing assembly will take place at **9am on Friday 18th October** if you are able to join us.

School Lunches: Parent and Carer Taster Sessions

Aspens Catering, who provide our school lunches, will be running a taster session on October 1st for you as parents and carers to come along, taste samples of food from our menus and ask any questions you may have.

Remember: all children in Reception (Ruby Class) and Years 1 and 2 (Emerald Class) are entitled to a free school lunch every day as part of the government's universal meals.

Could you help in the Wild Woods?

At our school, we are very proud of our Wild Woods and the many benefits the children gain from taking part in and learning through Forest School.

We are looking for two parent/carers who would like to assist with our Wild Woods provision in school every Friday afternoon.

Volunteers will be asked to complete an introduction to forest school course—this is a 1 day course which would be funded by the school—and also to commit to helping every week for the school year ahead. Volunteering will also be subject to an enhanced DBS check.

If you would be interested and feel you have the right skills, or have any questions about volunteering, please email the school office to let us know.



Diary Dates	
17.9.24	New EYFS parents meeting—RWI phonics scheme 9:00am
27.9.24	Village Macmillan Coffee afternoon
01.10.24	Aspens taster session 3—4pm
21.10.24 & 24.10.24	Parent Consultations
25.10.24	PD Day
28.10.24	Half Term
4.11.24	Return to School and Sapphire Class Stone Age Day
13.11.24	Diamond Class Duxford Trip
14.11.24	School Photos
17.12.24	Bury cathedral and panto day

Parent View Questionnaire Link

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>

If you have a concern for a child's safety or wellbeing, please contact Customer First (24hr service): Tel: 0808 800 4005

In school please speak to our Designated Safeguarding Lead Mrs Jackson. The named Governor for Safeguarding is the Chair of Governors Mrs Deborah Bennett. E-safety lead Mrs L Beckett De Banks. If you require information about online safety you can access current advice at this address: <https://parentinfo.org/>