

Spring Term 2019

Friday 15th March 2019

Welcome to Our Newsletter

New Build Update:

The extended carpark is nearly complete! From mid-week next week there should be fewer staff cars parked on the roads surrounding the school. Thank you for your patience while this necessary work has been undertaken. The 6 classrooms are on target to be completed at the end of May 2019, and are really taking shape!

Parking:

Please be mindful about parking on Townsend Lane. It is very busy at the beginning and end of the school day. Did you know that the school has a 20minute window in the mornings for children to get to class? School site open from 8:40am and closes at 9am (when children arriving after this time will need to come in through the main office). We also have a slightly staggered finish to the end of our school day. Nursery finish at 3:30pm, Reception and KS1 finish at 2:55pm and KS2 finish at 3pm. Clubs finish at 4pm.

Walking (or riding) to school:

Now that the weather is starting to warm up, why not try walking to school? Research shows that children that walk, bike or scoot to school settle better into their learning tasks when they come to school. This is because they have had some exercise prior to the start of learning. We have secure bike racks on the top playground should you wish your child to bike or scoot to school. Please be mindful that bikes or scooters should not be ridden once on school site for the safety of adults and children.



Cash payments:

LLPS no longer accept cash payments. Please use Agora (which will be changing its name to SIMS Pay shortly) to pay for any trips, music lessons, dinners or clubs.

Dinner Debt:

We have a high number of dinner accounts that have not been paid. Please can you ensure your child's account is up-to-date. If you are struggling to pay a dinner debt, please contact the school who will support.

Anti-Bullying Ambassadors:

The ABAs held a cake sale recently and raised nearly £300! Thank you to the ABAs and all who bought a cake. The money will be used to buy some high-vis jackets for pupil leaders across the school. They will wear these jackets at playtime and lunchtime so that children can seek them out for support if needed.



Thank you for all your kind donations we have raised a brilliant £180 for Comic Relief.

The logo for SIMS (Sims Pay) is displayed in a white box with a black border. The letters 'SIMS' are in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

We are now a **cash free school**. We will no longer be accepting cash payments for Dinner money, Swimming, After school clubs and Trips. If you still want to pay via cash instead of online, we are able to issue you a barcode that you are able to take to a paypoint (the nearest is the Co -Op) to enable you to pay.

If you would like to pay via Sims Pay (Previously known as Sims Agora) and have not previously registered please contact the school office who are able to help you set this up.

Swimming payments—we have a number of outstanding payments for last term. Please can you ensure you are paid up to date as soon as possible.

Music Payments— We have a number of outstanding payments for Music lessons, if these are not made, we may stop your child's lessons.



This week, we have been celebrating 'British Science Week 2019' in

School. The children have taken part in Science based learning in their classrooms, linked to the theme of 'Journeys'. This national event is a celebration of the best of British science, technology, engineering and maths. If you would like to develop this learning at home, please check the website for ideas. www.britishscienceweek.org



Borrowed Clothing Please ensure that if your child has borrowed clothes from school for any reason e.g. has had an accident or that have borrowed kit for a sports activity that they are washed and returned to school as soon as possible. We are running low on extra clothes and are therefore not able to change children when needed

Happy's Circus Ticket request slips for the circus have been sent home. In the first instance tickets are available exclusively to school families at a reduced rate of £8 per ticket. Request yours early to avoid disappointment!

SAVE THE DATE - Easter Bingo will take place on Wednesday 10th April. Follow us at facebook.com/folls.pta for updates and ticket info.



Dear Parents,

As you know we are all trying really hard to improve our whole school attendance. It was picked up by Ofsted as improving but they also said it still needs to improve further. We are sending out slips to let everyone know what their child's attendance has been through the year till now. Our target is 96%, so well done to everyone who has achieved that or better and is helping to improve our school.

We know that children have had illnesses such as chicken pox, when they can't come to school, however we do have a lot of missed days through 'feeling ill'. Often children just need some reassurance or calpol and they feel much better as soon as they are busy learning in school. Therefore, could you please bring in evidence if your child is off school with sickness. This could be a medical appointment note or prescription or a copy of medicine etc. We will not be able to authorise absence in future without some proof of illness.

If attendance is below 90%, that is classed as persistent absence by the government. We have signed up to Warwickshire attendance service and they have told us we need to refer anyone with less than 90% attendance. We want to avoid this if possible so are sending letters out to help parents know when they are dropping below this percentage. Please be aware that being late for school after 9.20 shows up on the system as an absence.

We are already referring in term holidays and the legal team will be following these up in due course.

If we can do anything at all to help you improve your child's attendance, please contact us.

Thank You.

Important Dates

19th March 4.30pm-5pm	Kingswood Parents meeting	12th April	Yr6 Parent Teacher Meetings — more details to follow
26th March	Class Photos	15th—26th April	Easter Holiday
27th –29th March	Year 5 Kingswood Trip	23rd—24th May	Year 6 London Trip
28th March	Year 1 Holdenby House	27th—31st May	Half Term
10th April	FOLLS Easter Bingo	12th July	Teacher Training Day (Children not in school)
11th April	Parent Teacher Meetings—more details to follow	19th July	Last Day of Term

School Matters!



Attendance for the last 2 weeks

Nursery	92.9%
Reception	95.4%
Year 1	96.3%
Year 2	95.1%
Year 3	96.7%
Year 4	96.7%
Year 5	96.0%
Year 6	94.4%

Children who do not attend school miss learning and have gaps that can affect their attainment. If they are not with us they cannot learn.

School App

Please see the School App for updates and the calendar for all school dates.

