

# Signpost

Dear Parents and Carers

Thanks to everyone who supported Jeans for Genes day last week. £231 was raised for this very worthwhile cause. Thanks also to everyone who donated unwanted uniform for our collection last week. On Tuesday we will have our annual assembly to launch Operation Christmas Child – the shoebox appeal. This is an activity that many children enjoy taking part in – they can fill a shoebox on their own or club together with friends. More details will follow after the assembly.

Children looked very smart on Tuesday for their school photos! The photographer will return soon for those children who were absent. This year we are again offering you the opportunity to have family photographs taken, which will arrive in time for Christmas. On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October between 9am and 1pm our school hall will be turned into a studio, and you are welcome to bring family and friends for group portraits. To avoid delays on the day, please contact the school office for an appointment time.

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October instead of our usual Celebration Assembly, we will be celebrating our Harvest Festival. Parents are welcome to join us, but please be aware that the hall may be very crowded and we will not be able to accommodate pushchairs. **Children in Years 1 & 2** will share a song, poem or artwork that they have been working on, and we will think about helping those less fortunate than ourselves. Once again we will be collecting donations for the Daily Bread Food Larder (CARE), who hand out emergency food parcels to local people experiencing difficulties in finding money to purchase food. Donations may be brought into school on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> or Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

Parent consultation meetings will be held on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> October. From Monday, you will be able to arrange an appointment by speaking to your child's class teacher or TA on the door in the morning or afternoon, or by phoning the Office after 10am. Once again we will host the Scholastic Book Fair to coincide with the consultation meetings – a great opportunity to find some Christmas presents and earn additional books for the school!

We are currently inviting nominations for Parent Governors to join our school governing body. Details are being sent home today. If you would like any further information about the role, please arrange to pop in and see me for a chat or call at the office for the contact details of Mike Spall, our Chair of Governors.

A few parents have spoken to teachers recently about concerns they have over some postings on Facebook and other social media. It would appear that some parents are airing concerns via technology rather than coming in to school to discuss them with their child's teachers. If you have a worry or concern, please come and talk to us – if we don't know about it we can't start to put it right.

Thank you

Allie Majer

**Class Attendance** – The percentage attendances for the week ending 15/09/17 **96.6%**

The 100% attendance sticker and certificate was not awarded this week.

Blue Class 96.2%, Yellow Class 98.7%, Red Class 92.1%, Orange Class 97.0%, Silver Class 95.3%, Purple Class 95.2%, Rainbow Class 97.2%, Green Class 99.3% and Pink Class 97.9%

**The average attendance for every child should be 95.0% or higher.**

**Class Attendance** – The percentage attendances for the week ending 22/09/17 **96.4%**

The 100% attendance sticker and certificate was not awarded this week.

Blue Class 95.9%, Yellow Class 96.0%, Red Class 91.4%, Orange Class 99.6%, Silver Class 98.3%, Purple Class 98.7%, Rainbow Class 94.1%, Green Class 98.0% and Pink Class 95.7%

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w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017



**School Office** - Please note that the school office and telephone is staffed between 8.15am and 3.45pm. An answerphone service operates outside these hours.

**Leave of absence** - If you need to take your child out of school (other than medical appointments), please complete a Leave of Absence Form (available from the school office). If the absence request is for a holiday, evidence of it being an 'exceptional circumstance' **must be submitted with the request**. Please return forms with a minimum of **six weeks notice**.



**The Signhills Blog** - The Signpost Newsletter is usually published on a Friday every two weeks.

It will be available by email, on our school website and the Signhills blog. Paper copies will be available from the school office.

We have established a Signhills blog - signhillsblog.wordpress.com – and we use this to let you know about events and activities in school in between each edition of the Signpost newsletter. Signpost will also be published here. There is a link on the website and blog so you can 'follow', and it is also linked to a Twitter feed - @signhillsblog. This is a good way to receive information to a second email address.

**Appointments** – If your child needs to attend an appointment for doctor, dentist, opticians or hospital during school time – I would be grateful if you could bring in the appointment card/letter to the **School Office** for us to copy for our records. Where possible these appointments should be made outside school hours.

**Pastoral Advice and Support** – If you have any concerns regarding your child's academic, emotional and physical wellbeing, please see your child's class teacher in the first instance. If you would like to speak to our pupil support manager, Mrs Barrett, please make an appointment at the school office.

**PARKING** – When coming to or collecting from school, please can you ensure you park in a **safe and appropriate** place. **DO NOT** block dropped kerbs, stop/park on zig-zag lines or park on the corner of a road, all of which are an offence.

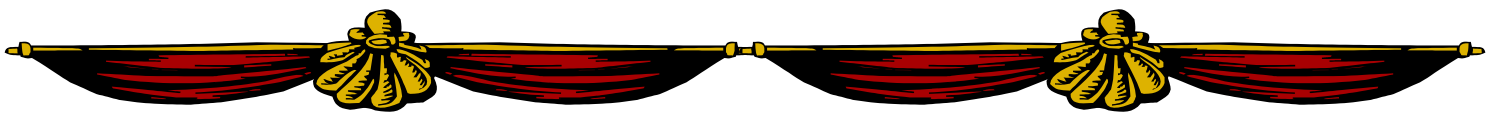


**School dinner/packed lunch** – Please could we ask that **one full week's notice** is given if you wish to change between school dinner and packed lunch.

**Dogs** – Could we please remind you that dogs are NOT to be brought into the school or grounds, except for guide dogs. (This includes carrying your dog) If dogs are left outside the school, could we ask that for Health and Safety reasons they do not obstruct the pavement or entrances. Thank you.

### **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – TERM 1 AND 2**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
<b>FITC – Year 2</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept – 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov (10 weeks) Collect from Hall <b>4.20pm</b>	<b>Gymnastics – Year 1 &amp; Year 2</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept – 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct (10 weeks) Drop off at Hall <b>8.00am</b> <b>No Session on 26<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>Martial Arts – Year 1 &amp; Year 2</b> 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept – 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov (9 weeks) Collect from Hall <b>4.10pm</b> <b>No Session on 11<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Football – Year 1 &amp; Year 2</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept – 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct (10 weeks) Drop off at Hall <b>8.00am</b>
<b>Lego Club – Year 2/Group 1</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept - 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct (5 weeks) Collect from Year 1 door <b>4.10pm</b>	<b>Yoga – Year 1 &amp; Year 2</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept – 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov (10 weeks) Collect from Hall <b>4.10pm</b>		<b>Choir – Year 1 &amp; Year 2</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept – 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov (8 weeks) Collect from Year 1 door <b>4.00pm</b> <b>No Sessions on 28<sup>th</sup> Sept and 12<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>
<b>Lego Club – Year 2/Group 2</b> 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct - 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov (5 weeks) Collect from Year 1 door <b>4.10pm</b>			<b>Fit n Fun – Year 1 &amp; Year 2</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept – 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov (9 weeks) Collect from Hall <b>4.10pm</b> <b>No Session on 12<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>



## DIARY DATES

<u>October</u>	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>  Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>  Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Celebration Assembly Parent Consultations 2.00pm – 6.00pm Parent Consultation 2.00pm – 5.30pm Reception Parent Sharing 9.00am – 9.30am Year 1 Celebration Assembly Year 1 Parent Sharing Session 2.45pm – 3.10pm Year 2 Parent Sharing Session 2.45pm – 3.10pm Harvest Festival 9.10am End of Term 1  School begins 8.50am – Term 2
<u>November</u>	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Celebration Assembly Flu Vaccinations Year 1 Celebration Assembly Children in Need Year 2 Celebration Assembly
<u>December</u>	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>  Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>  Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Christingle Assembly Reception Christmas Play Reception Christmas Play Reception Christmas Play Year 1 Christmas Assembly Christmas Fair Christmas Jumper Day Year 2 Christmas Assembly Christmas Dinner  End of Term 2



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