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Mr Stark's Messages - July 2024

READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE

MR PERRY

Sad news... Mr Perry has decided to retire at the end of this term. He has been a huge part of Sutton Green for over ten years and has given a great deal of his time and dedication to many areas of school, particularly with class cover and before and after school club provision. We would like to thank him for his tireless commitment to Sutton Green and wish him all the very best for his retirement.

UNIFORM

Please be reminded of the uniform expectations ready for September.

Note: Completely black trainers are allowed every day. No coloured trainers, soles or large logos. Example:



Please adhere to this expectation

YEAR 6

The children in Cherry Class have been such wonderful role models this year. They have set an inspiring example to others with their dedication, perseverance and behaviour. What a wonderful performance last week! We will miss them all.

Please note, SATs result will be sent home with the end of year reports

EVENTS IN JULY

- 12th** Y3 Camp Evening
- 16th** EYFS Graduation
- 17,18,19th** - Transition days with new class.
- 18th** Y6 Prom 4-6pm
- 19th** Own Clothes Day - bring donation of sweets or chocs for tombola
- 19th** - End of Year Reports
- 22nd** Sutton Green's Got Talent - Final
- 22nd** Summer Fair 3.20-5pm
- 23rd** Break up at 1:30pm

STAFFING

Miss Dodd, who has been working in upper Key Stage 2 for the past two years will also be leaving us at the end of term to commence her teacher training. We wish her all the very best and thank her for all of her support.

A new teacher, Miss Ansell, has been employed to cover Mrs Howsam's maternity leave. She will be here for transition days.

ATTENDANCE

Please see below for a summary of some of the new statutory expectations for attendance that come into force from 19th August 2024.

This attendance guidance will be made statutory and come into effect on 19 August 2024

This will be statutory and schools will be required to follow it. This will reflect new regulations and legislative amendments.

Schools will be required to share daily attendance data with the DfE

The new guidance sets out that schools must provide specific pupil information on request to the Secretary of State. The DfE has been collecting automatic daily attendance data from schools on a voluntary basis since 2022; however, from 19 August, this will become a statutory requirement. The DfE's most recent update stated that 88 percent of schools were already sharing this data.

A national framework will be introduced for parent fines due to unauthorised absences

A national threshold of 10 sessions of unauthorised absences in a rolling period of 10 school weeks will be established. This can be met with any combination of unauthorised absence, e.g. five sessions of holiday taken in term time plus five session of arriving late after the register closes, and the rolling period can span different terms and school years.

Where a pupil reaches the threshold, schools will also be able to issue a 'Notice to Improve' before a penalty notice which gives parents a final opportunity to engage in support and improve attendance.

Alongside this, costs for fines will rise from £60 to £80 if paid within 21 days, and from £120 to £160 if paid in 28 days. Surplus revenue raised by fines after administration costs will also be able to be used by LAs on attendance support, rather than having to be returned to the government.

There is greater emphasis on supporting pupils with health needs

The DfE also acknowledges many children will experience difficult emotions that make them nervous about attending school, e.g. worries about friendship or exams, but these pupils are still expected to attend school regularly, and the DfE says in many instances attendance at school may serve to help with the underlying issue.

The guidance reiterates that medical evidence for recording absences is likely only required in a minority of cases, but that schools can seek medical evidence to better understand the needs of the pupil and identify the most suitable provision where reasonable adjustments or support may be needed.

Headteachers should not grant leave of absence for holidays.

The new guidance clarifies that the DfE's view is that it "does not consider a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation to be an exceptional circumstance". The DfE has also added a new point to state that leave of absence should not be granted for a pupil to take part in protest activity during school hours.

Schools must notify the Local Authority of pupils who may miss 15 days because of sickness

All schools are legally required to share information from their registers with the LA. The guidance adds a new minimum expectation, which is that LAs must be provided with the name and address of all pupils who have been recorded with code I (illness) and who the school reasonably believes will miss 15 days consecutively or cumulatively because of sickness. This is to help the school and LA agree any provision needed to ensure continuity of education for pupils who cannot attend because of health needs.