



Charlton Horethorne CE VA Primary School

Newsletter Number 10

Friday 3rd February 2017

Attendance at School

Dear Parents,

I am writing to inform you that as of now our school will have very clear policies and procedures that will be followed when managing attendance. A copy of our school attendance policy can be found on the school website but below I have detailed all the main points that you need to be aware of:

Attendance –

Our school attendance target is 97%. This has been set in line with National and Ofsted expectations.

If your child's attendance drops below the school target of 97% then you will receive a letter from school to make you aware that this is the case.

If your child's attendance drops below **92%** you will be asked to meet with me.

If your child's attendance drops below 90% this will be classed, by Somerset, as persistent absence. You will be asked to meet with me and further action may be taken including the referral to Education Welfare.

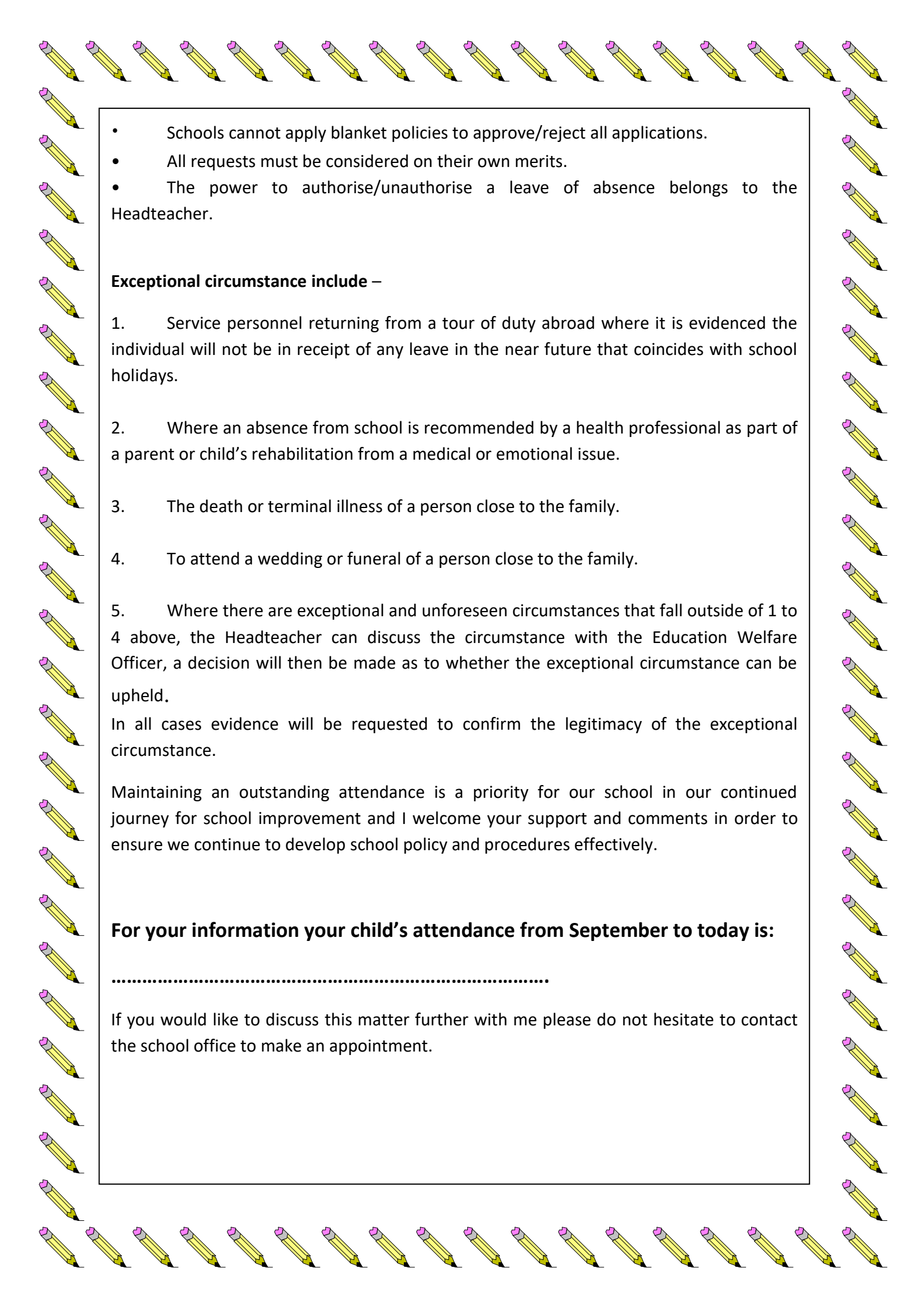
When your child is ill –

If your child is ill or unable to attend school for any reason you must inform a member of school staff by 9.15am on the day of the absence. We will ask for the reason your child is ill and may ask you to stay in touch daily until your child returns to school. Failure to inform school of the reason your child is absent will be considered a safeguarding concern and may result in a home visit to ensure that your child is safe and well. You must now also send a written note/ email explaining the absence once your child returns to school. This will then be kept on file.

Holidays or Leave of absence request –

The Headteacher has the authority to authorise holidays or leave of absence only in exceptional circumstances.

- Parents cannot expect a leave of absence as an automatic right.
- Parental requests must be made by completing the leave request form (available

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- Schools cannot apply blanket policies to approve/reject all applications.
 - All requests must be considered on their own merits.
 - The power to authorise/unauthorise a leave of absence belongs to the Headteacher.

Exceptional circumstance include –

1. Service personnel returning from a tour of duty abroad where it is evidenced the individual will not be in receipt of any leave in the near future that coincides with school holidays.
2. Where an absence from school is recommended by a health professional as part of a parent or child’s rehabilitation from a medical or emotional issue.
3. The death or terminal illness of a person close to the family.
4. To attend a wedding or funeral of a person close to the family.
5. Where there are exceptional and unforeseen circumstances that fall outside of 1 to 4 above, the Headteacher can discuss the circumstance with the Education Welfare Officer, a decision will then be made as to whether the exceptional circumstance can be upheld.

In all cases evidence will be requested to confirm the legitimacy of the exceptional circumstance.

Maintaining an outstanding attendance is a priority for our school in our continued journey for school improvement and I welcome your support and comments in order to ensure we continue to develop school policy and procedures effectively.

For your information your child’s attendance from September to today is:

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If you would like to discuss this matter further with me please do not hesitate to contact the school office to make an appointment.

RE Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who returned the questionnaire. I really appreciate your input and comment. The collated results were as follows:

	Agree strongly	Agree	Neither Agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree Strongly
This Church of England primary school has a set of clear and explicit Christian values.	6	10			
The school teaches Christian values that help my child(ren) to develop spiritually.	6	10			
The school enables my child(ren) to develop morally and socially.	8	8			
The school provides opportunities for the cultural development of my child(ren).	4	10	2		
The school has high expectations of behaviour which reflect its Christian values.	7	9			
Relationships between members of the school community reflect the school's Christian values.	5	11			
Collective worship is important in the life of the school.	9	7			
My child(ren) is given opportunities for prayer and reflection in school.	6	7	3		
My child(ren) has a good knowledge and understanding of Christianity.	5	11			
My child(ren) has a good knowledge and understanding of other world faiths.	1	9	2	2	2 N/A

My child(ren) is progressing well in Religious Education (RE)	3	10	2		1 N/A
The staff and governors of the school promote Christian values.	5	11			
There are good partnerships with the local Anglican Church There are good relationships with the local community	11	5			
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Parental Comments:

- A number commented on the age of their child and the link with world faiths.
- One commented that although there are good relationships with the local community they could be excellent.
- It is lovely to see the Christian values promoted more over the last couple of years making it a distinctively Church School. It's also great to see regular use of the church for assembly. There are a few adaptations that would make it even easier for Sarah.
- The input from our vicar (Sarah) is excellent, and from Kevin Jones before he moved away. The children in school, in general, have a very caring and respectful attitude to one another. The school's Christian character is very important to us as a family.

Class Attendances	
For the period 1 September to 2 February:	
Ladybird Class	94.8%
Bee Class	97.8%
Dragonfly Class	97.3%

ANYONE HANDY WITH A NEEDLE & THREAD?

The children have made some lovely candles for the altar cloth – we would be really grateful if someone could sew them on for us.

Many thanks.



Congratulations to Our Stars of the Week

The following children have been recognised by their teachers as being the Stars of the Week in their class. Well done to:

Fred, Noah, Toby O, Evie, Reuben, Abigale, Jess, Mangir, Coco, Katherine, George B, Maddie, Thomas C-B, Jasper, Owen

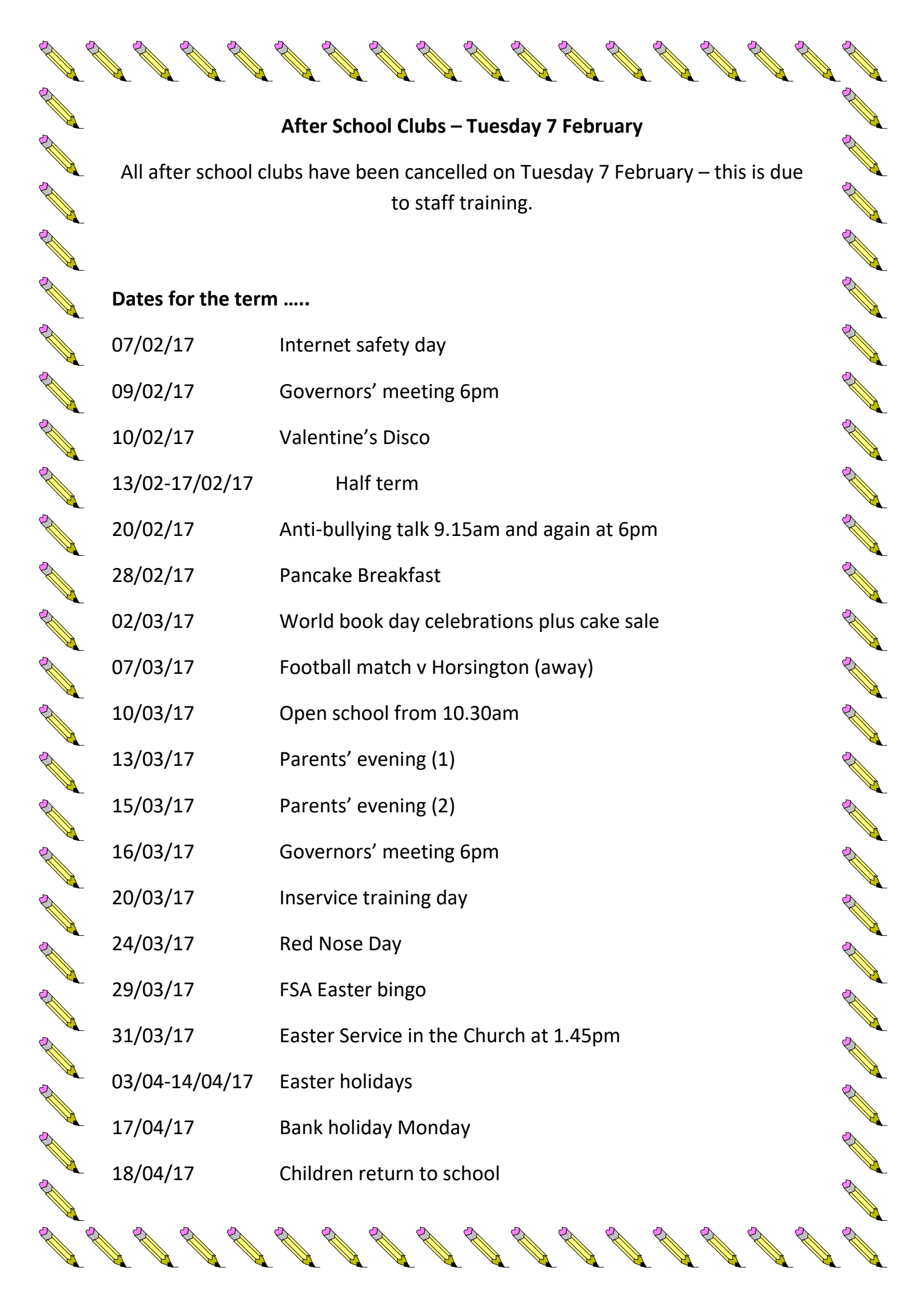
Well done to you all!

Valentines Disco



Following the success of our Christmas Disco there will be a Valentines disco on Friday 10th February in our School Hall between 5pm and 6pm. It will cost £2 to attend and we will provide a goodie bag and unlimited squash.

If your child/ren would like to attend please complete the slip and return it to the school office by next Wednesday to enable us to buy all the goodies and squash. Mobile phones are not allowed, please leave them at home!!!



After School Clubs – Tuesday 7 February

All after school clubs have been cancelled on Tuesday 7 February – this is due to staff training.

Dates for the term

07/02/17	Internet safety day
09/02/17	Governors' meeting 6pm
10/02/17	Valentine's Disco
13/02-17/02/17	Half term
20/02/17	Anti-bullying talk 9.15am and again at 6pm
28/02/17	Pancake Breakfast
02/03/17	World book day celebrations plus cake sale
07/03/17	Football match v Horsington (away)
10/03/17	Open school from 10.30am
13/03/17	Parents' evening (1)
15/03/17	Parents' evening (2)
16/03/17	Governors' meeting 6pm
20/03/17	Inservice training day
24/03/17	Red Nose Day
29/03/17	FSA Easter bingo
31/03/17	Easter Service in the Church at 1.45pm
03/04-14/04/17	Easter holidays
17/04/17	Bank holiday Monday
18/04/17	Children return to school



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Valentine's Disco

CHILD(REN)'S NAME(S)

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I give permission for my child(ren) to attend the Valentine's Disco on Friday 10 February from 5pm to 6pm.

I enclose payment of £ (£2 per child).

SIGNED DATE

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