

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 4! I hope you had a restful half term break despite the miserable weather, it is nice to have the evenings a little lighter and signs of Spring starting to show. Our value for this term is resilience, we have talked to the children that resilience means being able to bounce back and try again when you face challenges. Hopefully you will see some of this happening at home too.

Thank you for ensuring your child comes to school on time and in the correct uniform. Attendance and punctuality are so important to success in education, but is also a life skill for when they are older and need to be somewhere by a set time.

In assembly today we celebrated the children who achieved the certificate of excellence or the values award for the week in their class.



We had 2 classes who won the **attendance award** this week with an **outstanding 100%** - Year 1 and Year 2, a big well done and keep up the great work! We also had 2 great results in both our girls and boys football teams this week with both teams winning 2-0 in their respective matches.

A reminder that **World Book Day** is coming up on Thursday 7th March, if your child would like to take part, they are welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a story or book. This is an optional dress up day, if children do not wish to dress up then they need to wear normal school uniform.

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Value of the Term – Resilience

Week beginning Monday 4th March is also National Careers week, on **Friday 8th March** we would like children to come dressed as the job/profession they would like to be when they have grown up, for example, a police officer, nurse etc..... we will be completing activities this week on different careers opportunities that the children can aspire to be, tackling gender inequality and social bias.

We look forward to seeing you next week for parents evening meetings with your child’s teacher. These will be held in the KS2 hall. If you haven’t been able to make an appointment, please contact the school office to get an appointment time set up.

It has been a super first week back to school, I hope you have a lovely, restful weekend.

With best wishes,
Mrs Helen Wollington
 Headteacher

Upcoming diary dates:

Monday 26th February – Oral health talk with Nursery and Reception classes
U Turn parent talk 8:45am in KS2 hall – see details below

Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th February – Parents Evenings

Monday 4th March – Friday 8th March – National Careers week

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day

Friday 8th March – come dressed as the career/ job you want be as a grown up!

Attendance – “Every Day Counts”

100% 0 days of lost learning Very best chance of success	96% 8 days of lost learning Off to a flying start	94% 11 days of lost learning Less chance of success	92% 15 days of lost learning Harder to make progress	90% 19 days of lost learning Persistent Absentee (Not fair on your child)
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GETTING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL REALLY DOES MATTER

DID YOU KNOW...?

In a school year, if your child is late every day by...

5 minutes	3 days from school	12 lessons
10 minutes	6 days from school	24 lessons
15 minutes	9 days from school	36 lessons
20 minutes	12 days from school	48 lessons
30 minutes	18 days from school	72 lessons

Your child would have lost approximately...
 or they would have missed approximately...

PLEASE ENCOURAGE PUNCTUALITY TO MAINTAIN ATTENDANCE

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

ATTENDANCE DURING ONE SCHOOL YEAR	EQUALS APPROXIMATE DAYS ABSENCE	WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY WEEKS ABSENCE	WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY LESSONS MISSED
95%	9 days	2 weeks	40 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	80 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	120 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	160 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	200 lessons
70%	57 days	11 ½ weeks	230 lessons
65%	67 days	13 ½ weeks	270 lessons

PUNCTUALITY MATTERS!

MINUTES LATE PER DAY DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR	EQUALS	APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF DAYS TEACHING LOST IN A YEAR
5 mins	—	3 days
10 mins	—	6 days
15 mins	—	9 days
20 mins	—	12 days
30 mins	—	18 days



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Do you know that drug dealers will use packaging that looks like candy wrappers to package illegal drugs such as Cannabis?

Do you know how to recognise signs if your child has used a drug?

Do you feel confident in talking to your child about drugs?

Who can you go to for advice and support for yourself and your child?

We are very lucky to have a free parent session here at Mountford Manor with Becky Lewis from U Turn on Monday 26th Feb at 8.45am in the KS2 hall. A chance for you to find out more, feel empowered to keep your children safe and ask any questions. This is ideal for parents of years 5 and 6 and those with older children also, but everyone is welcome.

U-turn is a specialist service that provides support, help and guidance to young people and their families, who have alcohol and/or drug-related problems.



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