

Autumn 2024 - Newsletter 2

Messages From Mr Hitchcock...



Hello everyone, just a few quick updates this week!

☀️ ****Drop-off Changes:**** Starting Monday, we kindly ask that you drop your children at the school gate and let them walk in on their own. The only exception is for our new Reception children, who might need a little extra support. We've introduced a new strategy called 'thresholding', where staff will meet pupils at the door, so rest assured, we'll be keeping a close eye on them.

📄 ****Consent Form Reminder:**** If you haven't already, please complete the start of year consent form here: <https://forms.gle/c1CvBQW9Kc6WUf2P7> Thank you!

📖 ****ABC Online Safety Checklist:**** We know keeping children safe online can feel overwhelming, so we're sharing this helpful ABC online safety checklist to get you started: <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/abc-online-safety-checklist> It's a great resource!

🧥 ****Winter Coat Giveaway:**** I have a few new lovely winter coats to give away! If you might need a warm coat this winter, please don't hesitate to reach out, and I'll do my best to help.

✉️ ****Contacting Teachers:**** If you need to contact your child's class teacher, please do so via the school office at admin@sps1.org.uk. This helps ensure your message gets to the right person and supports our teachers with managing their busy inboxes.

Thanks so much for your understanding and support!

Holidays & Absences In Term Time...

We believe that in order for a pupil to fully benefit from their education, good attendance is crucial. It is the policy of our school to celebrate achievement and full attendance is a crucial factor to a productive and successful school career.

In September 2013, an amendment to the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006 came in to force and greater clarity was introduced to the issue of schools authorising absence requests. In addition on 19 August 2024, an amendment to the Education (Penalty Notices) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 came into force and set out a new National Framework for issuing penalty notices. These changes reinforced the Government's view that every minute of every school day is vital and that pupils should only be granted authorised absences by the school in 'exceptional circumstances'. A family holiday is not normally considered by the Government to be an 'exceptional circumstance' and therefore will not be authorised by this school.

I must take this opportunity to remind you, that should you choose to take your child out of school without the authorisation of the school, then Parental Responsibility Measures could be instigated. This could mean receiving any of the following:

- A Penalty Notice
- A summons to the Magistrate Court which could result in a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a term of imprisonment for up to 3 months

Schools are required to notify the Local Authority if a pupil has a number of unauthorised absences. Unauthorised absences can be acquired when;

1. Leave has been requested, but the circumstances are such that the school is unable to authorise the leave and it is taken away
2. Leave is not requested and/or the school has grounds to believe that the child has been taken out of school for an avoidable reason (example - a family holiday). Only the Headteacher can authorise an absence. This year there have been occasions when schools have been notified that the pupil is sick, but the school later discovers and reasonably believes that the reason given for the absence is not genuine
3. A child continually arrives late after the registration has closed

This school will be notifying all Local Authority in all of the circumstances listed above.

Should a Penalty Notice be issued as a result of an unauthorised absence then one notice will be issued to each parent/carer for each child involved. In addition to natural parents and any person with parental responsibility, any person considered to have a day to day care and control of a young person is deemed to be a parent in matters relating to education and school nonattendance (s576 Education Act 1996).

From 19th August 2024, following changes to secondary legislation, the amount charged in a penalty notice was increased. The first penalty notice will be charged at £160 if paid within 28 days. This is reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days. The second penalty notice issued will be charged at a flat rate of £160 if paid within 28 days. If a penalty notice goes unpaid after 28 days, then court proceedings will be initiated.

We understand the disappointment that the refusal of a leave request may cause and we apologise, but as you can appreciate this policy represents the schools responsibility and commitment towards providing your child's education and supporting their future life opportunities. We hope you will support us by ensuring that your son/daughter(s) obtains the maximum benefit from their time at school by attending punctually for the 190 days each year that the law requires (unless prevented from doing so by an unavoidable circumstance).

Thank you for your anticipated support in this matter.

Steve Hitchcock

What's Been Happening In School...



1 - Kite making in Chestnut

Pupil Celebrations...

Well done to...Nieve



2 - Well done to Nieve who took part in her first ever surf lifesaving competition recently. She came 1st in both the Nipper Board and the Golden Nipper and 2nd in the swim. Nice!

Coming Up In The School & Community...

Quick Links...

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- ☆ U5 to U18, BOYS & GIRLS
- ☆ FAMILY CLUB
- ☆ MIDWEEK & SUNDAYS
- ☆ NEW PLAYERS WELCOME
- ☆ NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY
- ☆ AT THE HEART OF OUR TOWN
- ☆ PLEASE JOIN US

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SIDMOUTH PITCH

SIDMOUTH LEISURE CENTRE
STARTING 8TH SEPTEMBER

**COME ALONG
& HAVE A GO!**

SUNDAYS

U10 & U12

BOYS & GIRLS 10AM - 11.30AM

U14 & U16

BOYS & GIRLS 11.30AM - 1PM

YOU WILL NEED

- SHIN PADS
- GUM SHIELD

(STICKS CAN BE PROVIDED)

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JUNIOR HOCKEY



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FOR 8 WEEKS
4PM - 5PM**

THE CRANFORD CLUB, EXMOUTH

Boys & Girls in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

Initial taster session for £6
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