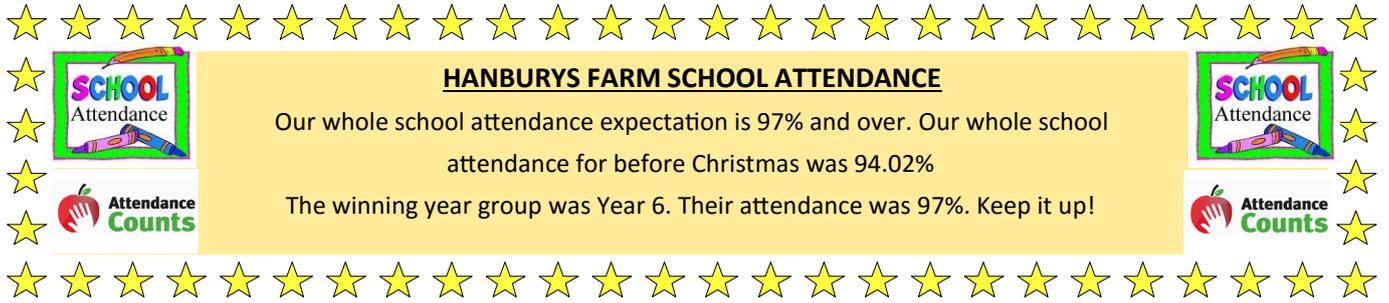




# Hanbury's Farm Newsletter

## Growing and Succeeding Together

Monday  
7th January  
2019  
Spring Term 1



### HANBURYS FARM SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance expectation is 97% and over. Our whole school attendance for before Christmas was 94.02%

The winning year group was Year 6. Their attendance was 97%. Keep it up!



### WELCOME BACK AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

A big welcome back to pupils and staff and a happy new year to you all! We hope you've had a good Christmas break!

The year ahead is already looking busy with after school clubs, trips, activities and assemblies.

Year 6 will sit their exams in May, therefore, our SATS booster clubs will resume again from next week. This will continue to run on Mondays and Thursdays allowing the year 6 pupils time to work with teachers and practise key skills running up to their exams.

We will also have our parent consultation meetings coming up giving you the chance to speak with your child's teacher about their progress and targets over the coming terms. More details to follow.

A warm welcome to our new member of staff, Miss Turner who will be teaching our Year 5 class.

Mrs McAllister will be going on maternity leave at the end of January to await the arrival of her baby.

**If there are any concerns or issues that you would like to discuss with a class teacher or senior management team, please contact the school office where an appointment can be arranged for you.**

Once again we would like to thank you in advance for your continued support.

### **THE DEADLINE FOR RECEPTION INTAKE SEPTEMBER 2019 APPLICATIONS IS TUESDAY 15th JANUARY.**

Apply online at [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions) or contact the school office for a paper copy

### ATTENDANCE EXPECTATIONS

The learning that takes place in primary school ensures your child develops all the essential skills to be as successful as possible. If your child is absent from school on a regular basis this will affect your child's ability to learn. As we start the year, can we remind you of our attendance expectations in school. If you need to take your child out of school during term time for any reason, including a family holiday, a **'leave of absence'** form **MUST** be requested in advance, completed and returned to school for the Headteacher to consider. A reminder that leave of absence request of **ANY** duration for a family holiday during term time will **NOT** be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances involved. It is important that school knows where your child/ren are during term time. We have a statutory duty of care to report any unknown absences. If there is no leave of absence requested and your child is absent from school with no reason given, they will be marked as unauthorised. If a child accumulates 10 days of unauthorised absences, this may result in a Penalty warning and you may be issued with a Penalty fine from the Local Education Authority.

We promote and encourage good attendance in school with certificates, rewards and assemblies. We have introduced some new incentives in school this term which we hope with your support, will encourage pupils to be in school everyday and to aim for good positive attendance outcomes. Pupils who start dropping below 95%, are closely monitored. Parents will be informed about their child's attendance and with support from school, will help to make improvements. Pupils below 90% will now receive an attendance sticker card. Going forward, this card will help promote a positive outcome for pupils and give them something to aim for. With weekly reviews, this will allow them to keep track of their own attendance progress. As pupils reach 90% and the again when they reach 95%, there will be certificates and rewards on offer.

**We are always here to help and support you in any way we can. If you have any concerns or need to talk to a member of staff, please contact the school office. We thank you in advance for your continued support.**

Staffordshire County Council's 'Code of Conduct' is available on our school website which details more information about attendance.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2019

Monday 14th January - Y6 SATS Booster club starts

Tuesday 15th January - Closing date for Reception September 2019 Intake

Thursday 17th January - Y6 SATS Booster club starts

Friday 18th January - Young Voices (choir club) World Resorts Arena

Friday 15th February - School finishes today for half term holiday

**HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED - Monday 18th February - Friday 22nd February inclusive**

**Monday 25th February - SCHOOL CLOSED INSET DAY**

Tuesday 26th February - Pupils return to school

Friday 12th April - School finishes today for the Easter holidays

**HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED - Monday 15th April - Friday 26th April inclusive**

Monday 29th April - School re-opens for pupils

**Monday 6th May - SCHOOL CLOSED MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY**

Monday 13th May - Year 6 SATS Exams commence

Wednesday 22nd/23rd/24th May - Laches Wood Residential trip

Friday 24th May - School finishes today for Whitsun half term holiday

**HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED - Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May inclusive**

**Monday 3rd June - SCHOOL CLOSED INSET DAY**

Tuesday 4th June - School re-opens for pupil

## GOOD TO BE GREEN REWARDS SYSTEM



A reminder about our rewards system in school called 'Good to be Green'. This system proves an effective way to promote positive behaviour in the classroom and has allowed recognition for pupils who behave appropriately, while keeping track of pupils who find it harder to meet the schools behaviour code. Each class has a 'Good to be Green' reward chart with colour coded cards. Green for good card, Orange warning card and a Red consequence card. Since putting this rewards system in place, we feel it's important that parents are kept informed



about their child's behaviour in class throughout the week, therefore we will now be sending letters home with your child if they have received a yellow warning or red consequence card. This letter gives you the reason why your child has received these cards. We strongly encourage good behaviour at Hanbury's Farm so on a positive note, please continue to keep a look out for your child's 'Good to be Green' reward sticker at the end of each week and praise your child for their good behaviour

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have noticed an increase in pupils wearing unsuitable footwear to school. Could we kindly remind parents/carers that pupils must wear suitable black footwear to school, this does not include trainers.

School uniform is black /grey trousers or skirt, white polo shirt/shirt or blouse and a green jumper or cardigan.

A reminder that **ALL** pupils need their P.E Kits in school at all times. Bring them in at the start of each new term!

A polite reminder that **NO EARRINGS** are to be worn for P.E lessons. These need to be removed on your child's P.E day.

## HEALTHY SNACKS IN SCHOOL

We encourage healthy eating in school. Help support us by sending your child in with healthy snacks at break and lunchtimes such as fruit, yoghurts, carrot/cucumber sticks, dried fruit such as sultanas or raisins.

If you are stuck for ideas visit the change4life website [www.change4life.co.uk](http://www.change4life.co.uk) where you'll find lots of ideas and recipes for snacks and lunchboxes. Ensure your child has their water bottle in school everyday. There is a water machine that they can fill their bottles up from during the day.

If you have any concerns regarding a child's welfare, you can contact Staffordshire First Response on 0800 131 3126 (out of hours 08456042886) or email [firstr@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:firstr@staffordshire.gov.uk). Warwickshire Mash safeguarding team on 01926414144 (out of hours 01926886922) or email [mash@warwickshire.gcsx.gov.uk](mailto:mash@warwickshire.gcsx.gov.uk)