

Attendance Update – Terms 1, 2, 3 and 4

We are keen that every child attends school regularly and frequently. There is clear evidence that children with poor attendance tend to achieve less well. Just a few days absence can delay a child's progress.

The table below shows the attendance for each year group, and for the whole school, from the start of the year until the end of Term 4.

Our school target is at least 96% attendance, so please only keep your child off school when they are properly unwell:

Nursery	88.1%
Reception (<i>Butterflies</i>)	92.6%
Year 1 (<i>Foxes and Squirrels</i>)	91.9%
Year 2 (<i>Badgers and Hedgehogs</i>)	93.4%
Year 3 (<i>Kangaroos and Koalas</i>)	94.7%
Year 4 (<i>Giraffes and Zebras</i>)	95.9%
Year 5 (<i>Leopards and Panthers</i>)	94.9%
Year 6 (<i>Eagles and Hawks</i>)	95.3%
Overall:	93.9%

Well done Year 4, who had the best attendance once again.

House Points

Dragon	76	points
Phoenix	74	points
Unicorn	68	points
Gryphon	63	points
Minotaur	62	points
Centaur	59	points

Well done **Dragon!**

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers



Once again this year, Sainsbury's are helping schools to collect vouchers which can be used to buy sports and play equipment for the school.

We make good use of this opportunity to

improve our provision and resources even further, and would encourage you to collect the vouchers if ever you – or family, friends, or neighbours - shop at Sainsbury's stores, and bring them into school.

Goodbye, Mrs Hyatt



Today is Mrs Hyatt's last day at Bourne as she has been offered a job working for the NHS across East Sussex.

Mrs Hyatt has worked at Bourne for 22 years, and hundreds of children have benefited from her excellent support.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Hyatt for all her hard work and support during the time she has worked at Bourne. We will miss her very much, and we wish her every success in her new role.

Rewarding Good Attendance and Punctuality



In Fang's family Eagles had the best attendance this week, and Hedgehogs were the most punctual class.



Leopards were the best attenders in Miss Lilac's family, and Koalas were the most punctual class.



Well done to all four classes!

Summer's here...

We are hoping for some sunny weather this term, which may require the children to wear sunscreen and hats. Studies show how important it is to protect the children's skin, especially at primary school age.

The children should have sunscreen applied before they come to school, and if you think they may need to reapply it during the day, please send it in – clearly named – and the children can apply it themselves during the day. The staff cannot apply sunscreen lotions, as it would be impossible for us to do so for all of our pupils!

Also, please remember that the shoes you buy for the summer should be sturdy enough to protect the children's feet should they drop something or be accidentally stood on, and should fit securely on their feet – no flip flops or mules please.

Applications for Nursery

We are now accepting applications for admission to our "Caterpillars" Nursery class in September. Places are open to any children born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014. Please see Mrs Bannister if you would like to apply for a place.

Diary Dates

- Healthy Eating Workshops for Years 3 and 4
Wednesday 26th April
- May Bank Holiday – school closed
Monday 1st May
- Squirrels Class Assembly
Tuesday 2nd May at 9.00am
- Year 6 SATs Week
Monday 8th – Friday 12th May
- Red and Green Butterflies Class Assembly
Tuesday 9th May at 9.00am
- Blue and Orange Butterflies Class Assembly
Tuesday 16th May at 9.00am
- Yellow and Purple Butterflies Class Assembly
Tuesday 23rd May at 9.00am
- Half Term Holiday – school closed
Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June
- Zebras Class Assembly
Tuesday 13th June at 9.00am
- Kangaroos Class Assembly
Tuesday 20th June at 9.00am
- A Special Event instead of the Dance Concert
Thursday 22nd June
- Staff Training Day – school closed
Friday 23rd June
- Leopards Class Assembly
Tuesday 27th June at 9.00am
- Transition Day
Tuesday 4th July

Keeping Our Site Safe and Secure

As we move further into the 21st Century, it is becoming more and more apparent that schools need to demonstrate greater security. The nature of our school site, however, does not always make this easy, and therefore we do ask you to observe the following:

- Please do not leave gates open behind you when you enter or leave the school grounds.
- Everybody who comes into the school must come to the school office, even out of school hours
- Please do not wander in and out of the school buildings either before, during or after school

What is a Voluntary Contribution to a Trip?

As you may know, we sometimes ask parents for a contribution towards the cost of a special experience for the children – for example a class trip, or a visit to the school from an expert. The law is very clear that these contributions are voluntary.

As a school, we understand that this can seem expensive – as a result we set a limit for any class day trip, and try to give as much warning as we can that the trip is happening. We also use our Pupil Premium grant to subsidise any trips for children who are registered to be eligible for free school meals by 25% of the cost.

Unfortunately, as a school, we do not have the money to run these trips and events without the parents' financial support, especially given the current funding crisis. We have recently had to cancel a trip and refund the money that has been paid, because we did not receive enough contributions. We obviously did this with sadness and regret, as we plan the trips with the best of intentions, and with the children's best interests at heart.

Funding for Schools and Pupils

If you have not yet had a chance, please write to your MP to explain that schools are having to look very hard at our provision for pupils and we are considering decisions that, for Bourne, are likely to result in:

- Increasingly large class sizes and fewer teachers
- School buildings falling into further disrepair
- Cuts to the number teaching assistants and support staff
- Outdated computer equipment

Your support is vital – thank you.

