



Head's Blog April 2019

Welcome to the first blog of the Summer term 2019. I trust that you have all had a fabulous Easter and have started to enjoy the summer sunshine we briefly had. Let's hope it is soon back with us!

This term we are focusing on reinforcing the High Expectations: No Excuses mantra with the pupils in terms of attendance, behaviour and commitment to learning by embedding the new Ready, Respectful, Safe expectations. Here are the slides used in our assemblies and in our weekly pupil bulletin for you to reinforce with your child.

“Ready.....”

- ...with all your equipment
- ...to enter the classroom by being quiet, lining up and focused
- ...to listen and work for the whole lesson
- ...by not having any distractions like mobile phones , conversations with others in the room, etc.
- ...by packing away when your teacher tells you to do so
- ...for your next lesson by leaving the last one properly

“Respectful.....”

Self Respect: Knowing that you are being true to yourself and giving yourself the best opportunity for your future

Respecting Others: Treating other people in the way you would always like to be treated yourself.

Respecting The School: By following our rules, meeting our expectations, having high standards for yourself and others.

“Respectful.....”

- ...by remaining remain silent and listening when the teacher is talking
- ...by not talking over others or shouting out
- ...to each other by listening, helping, supporting and encouraging
- ...by leaving your desk and the classroom area tidy
- ...in the way you look after the school facilities
- ...by not dropping not litter

“Safe.....”

- ...by listening to instructions when appropriate
- ...means not bring dangerous items into the School e.g. pointed or sharp objects
- ...by never bringing drugs, alcohol or smoking materials including vapes into the School
- ...means not running around the School or shouting, pushing and shoving or fighting
- ...by keeping to the left on corridors and staircases

I am very pleased to report that in the last week of term we awarded over 600 pupils with 100% attendance certificates. I can't stress enough how important it is for pupils to attend on a regular basis as statistics show unsurprisingly that pupils who attend are more likely to have greater success at school. Attendance certificates will continue to be awarded this term with pupils given the Bronze and Silver attendance awards in their assemblies over the next few weeks.



A polite reminder that if your child is too unwell to come into school then parents/carers must ring the school each day for their absence unless there is a doctor's note detailing the length of absence the child is to be away from school.

It is also important from a health and safety perspective that we have current contact information. Therefore, if you have changed your contact details for example mobile phone number, home phone number or email address then you must let the school know. The best way of informing the school is sending an email to office@wolstanton.shaw-education.org.uk with the amendments.

As the summer weather is upon us, it might mean that your child decides to come to school on their bicycle. If this is the desired form of transport would you please ensure that they also bring a bike lock with them, so their bikes can be secured in the bike area at the front of school. The school will accept no responsibility if the bike is damaged or stolen whilst on the school site.

Also a polite reminder if you have a debt to pay on Parent Pay would you please add some more funds. You are able to access this by the following link. [Parent Pay](#)

Forthcoming events are:

- 13th May: GCSE examinations start. Please click here for the GCSE examinations timetable. [GCSE 2019 timetable](#)
- Thursday 30th June 5pm - 6pm: Parents' Forum: where there will be a presentation to all parents on Drug Awareness
- 4th July: Move up day for our new Year 7 pupils
- 11th July: Year 7 parents' evening 4pm to 7pm

Regards

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