

# NEWSLETTER

Attendance: 94.8%

No 17: 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## Attendance Matters!



Our overall attendance figures have dropped recently and I'm concerned about that. Whilst we are still just above the overall national figure, 95% still means that, on average, our children will be absent for almost 10 days (or 2 school weeks) out of the school year. That is so much lost learning time. We recognise that when your child is really unwell, the best place for them to be is at home. But, if they are just a little under the weather, then please send them in. We will take care of them and call if symptoms mean they should no longer be in school.

If they are absent, please report this absence promptly for each day they are absent via Studybugs or by phone. The office team are having to chase many families who are not reporting these absences.

Regular attendance forms great habits and also has a direct impact on their grades at SATs and then GCSE. It sets them up for the workplace or independent learning at University.

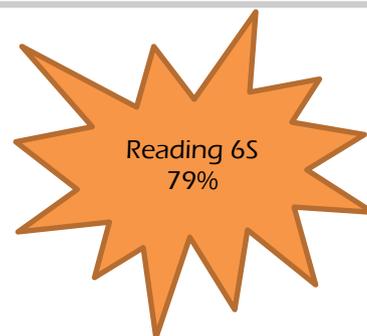
Please also do all you can to enable your child to be at school for 8:45am or at least by 8:55am when the doors close. Punctuality is also a habit that can become ingrained. Our lessons begin at 9am and arriving after this time is unsettling for the child and others. So please talk to us if you are experiencing difficulties enabling your child to attend - there is support available that may prevent more formal consequences occurring.

Ross McTaggart - Headteacher

### Stars of the Week

26/01/2024

Y6	Holly H	Rohan	Louis
Y5	Renee	Khadija	Archie S
Y4	Oakley	Izzy	George
Y3	Daisy	Zara S	Jessica



## PE Kit Days - Spring Term 2024

PE Kit Days					
Date (Week beginning)	M	T	W	T	F
22/1/2024	6	3	4	5	6
29/1/2024	6	3	4	5	3
5/2/2024	6	3	4	5	4
12/2/2024	6	3	4	5	5
26/2/2024		3	4	5	6

### BFJS Masked Reader - Click [here](#) + Reading Awards!



*Reading homework expectation; To record reading x5 times a week at home in your learning passport, and to be signed by an adult.*

BFJS Reading Tree

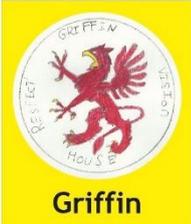
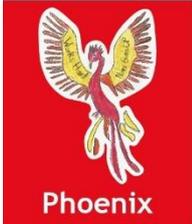
*3x weeks of 5+ reads (do not need to be consecutive weeks), you will receive a sticker on your reading tree as well as a Secrets of Success sticker in your passport!*

*Each classes goal is to achieve a reading percentage of 70% or more.*

### FREE Relaxed Play sessions

FREE Relaxed play session at Chelmsford West Hub CM1 2AQ for 0-8yr olds (great for children who may experience sensory overload). See BFJS News [website](#) for more details.

### House Points

Griffin	Phoenix	Pegasus	Dragon
			
<b>Points</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Points</b>
562	502	437	597
			

