



Newsletter

November 2023

It's November already!

It's hard to believe that it is nearly the end of November. Preparations for Christmas performances and celebrations have already begun and things are as busy as ever.

As always our attendance is a focus and we have made the updated policy available for you on our website. [attendance-punctuality-policy-2023-2024.pdf \(aqueductprimary.co.uk\)](https://aqueductprimary.co.uk/attendance-punctuality-policy-2023-2024.pdf) We have also created an easily accessible 'Attendance Leaflet' which can be found in the 'Parents & Carers' section of the website.

We continue to track the number of pupils who have lower attendance and these are conversations that your child's class teacher had with you at parental consultations. We also this week sent out letters to anyone who was on the limit of nearing 90% attendance with the view that if we highlight this now, you can make every effort to improve this and not drop below that 90% threshold. Whilst we understand that this time of year there are a few bugs going round, it is our statutory duty to have these conversations with you as any child with an attendance percentage lower than 90% is classed as a persistent absentee. I am sure that you will all work with us to help improve this over the rest of this half term.

Attendance

Our attendance target remains at 96% with children very keen to be the best class each week.

- Week 1 - Class 5JP with 100%
- Week 2 - Class 6MA with 98.85%
- Week 3 - Class 6MA with 99.17%
- Week 4 - Class 3MP with 95.38%
- Week 5 - Class 3MP with 96.15%
- Week 6 - Class 8PRB with 96.96%
- Week 7 - Class 6MA with 98.75%
- Week 8 - Class 8PRB with 98.7%
- Week 9 - Class 4JC & 9RE with 98.08%
- Week 10 - Class 4JC with 99.62%
- Week 11—Class 8PRB with 98.33%



A sad goodbye.

On the 1st December, Mrs Howell will sadly be leaving us. She has reached the time in her life when she can retire and is taking this opportunity to do so with a heavy heart. Mrs Howell has had many hats here over the years as lunchtime supervisor, teaching assistant, senior first aider and the first person we all go to when anyone has an injury or suspicious rash! Mrs Howell has been at Aqueduct Primary for 22 years and will be a great loss. However, we wish her luck and happiness as she retires to spend more time with her husband.

Parents Phonic & Reading Meeting

Wow! What a turn out!

It was lovely to see so many Reception parents attend the meeting 20th November 2023. At the meeting, we looked at how phonics is taught in school and shared supportive resources.

If you missed the meeting, please don't worry...here are some useful links.

Watch video tutorials on <http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/parents/> to help you to understand more about Read Write Inc. Phonics and how to help your child read and write at home.

Ruth Miskin Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/miskin.education>

Free e-books for home reading:

<http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/Reading/>

YouTube

[https://](https://www.youtube.com/ruthmiskintrainingedumc_cid=63bfb74b56&mc_eid=4ec2ad9cea)

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Esafety Parent Workshop

We had a fabulous turnout from parents attending this meeting 14th November 2023.

Parents fed back to us about how useful the information was.

KEY MESSAGE WAS SUPERVISE YOUR CHILDREN USING SOCIAL MEDIA!

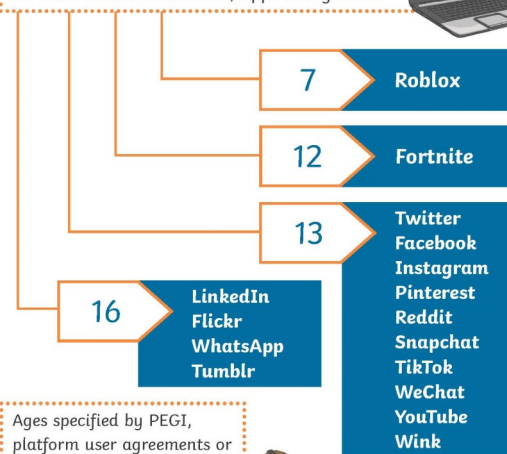
Useful links shared:

[Use parental controls on your child's iPhone, iPad and iPod touch - Apple Support \(UK\)](#)

[\(13\) How to set up Google Family Link | Step-by-step tutorial to protecting your kids online \(2022\) - YouTube](#)

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites, apps and games?



Ages specified by PEGI, platform user agreements or platform terms of service as of 27th July 2022.





As you are aware, every year we as a school like to review how we can further support our children and staff with their mental health and wellbeing. Therefore we have recently undertaken a wellbeing survey to capture our children's voice.

We are so pleased with the responses we received!

Across the school the majority of our children felt happy in school most to all of the time
The majority of our children felt safe at school most to all of the time and
The majority of our children knew how to ask for help most to all of the time.

As always, we know there are areas we can expand and improve on so look out for further updates from the wellbeing committee to let you know what we are doing throughout this year.

Severn Hospice Rudolph Relay

Aqueduct Primary School is proud to support many charities each year, and we are excited to announce that this year we will once more be supporting the Severn Hospice with the school taking part in the Severn Hospice Rudolph Relay.

Severn Hospice means so much to our school community; many of our staff, pupils and their families have experienced the hospice's care and support first-hand, and so we're delighted to support them this Christmas by taking part in the Rudolph Relay. Our school was one of the first schools to register for this event.



The relay will be taking place in the children's classes throughout the week of Monday 27th November to Friday 1st December. Mrs Lockley and some of our children have also been on Shropshire Radio to discuss this, and talked about how important it is to support local causes.

We have 126 students registered for this event! We will update you all with how much our school has raised when all sponsorship money has been collected!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 6th December - Pantomime in school (Funded by Dawley Hamlets Parish Council)

Friday 8th December - KS1 Christmas Dress Rehearsal

Tuesday 12th December - KS1 Christmas performance

Wednesday 13th December - Christmas Dinner Day

Thursday 14th December - Reception to Wonderland

Thursday 14th December - KS1 Christmas performance

Thursday 14th December - Carols around the Christmas Tree @ 3:30pm

Monday 18th December - Reception nativity (pm)

Tuesday 19th December - Reception nativity (am)

Tuesday 19th December - Christmas music performances

Thursday 21st December - Last day of term

Friday 22nd December - PD Day

Monday 25th December - Friday 5th January - Christmas Holidays

Monday 8th January - Children return to school RESPECT VALUES DAY

Wednesday 10th January - Young Voices Concert

Monday 15th - Friday 19th - Year 6 pupils to Arthog

Monday 15th January - Animal Man to visit Reception Pupils

Wednesday 17th January - Year 3 Fire Safety Visit

Monday 22nd January - Luke Temple Author Visit

Wednesday 24th January - Year 3/4 Trip

Friday 26th January - Year 5/6 Trip

Monday 5th - Friday 9th February - Children's Mental Health Week

Monday 12th - Friday 16th February - Half Term