

St Mary's Farnham Royal Church of England Primary School

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SMFR Family Newsletter February 2023

Attendance Update

Attendance continues to be a key focus for us at SMFR. It is a tricky time of year with colds and bugs going around and we are very lucky that so many of you are able to support the school when asked to provide medical information to show reasons for absence. The DFE Attendance target for all schools is 95% or above. We currently stand at 93.3%.

Poor attendance is classed as 'Neglect' as it has a direct impact on the education and wellbeing of those children who experience it. It is most likely that there are medical reasons as to why attendance is poor and that is why collecting evidence of that is vital to show how families and school are working together. It is 'Persistent Absence' (90% or below) that is an increasing concern and it is this that we all need to work hard to support each other and eliminate as much as possible to provide the best possible experiences for the children – it is the children that suffer the effects of poor attendance most of all.

How can you help?

- Do all you can to ensure your children are in school.
- If they are going to be absent, please report this to the school office by telephone call before 8.30am. You can leave a voice mail. Please do contact the office as it is Miss Lewis that needs the information rather than teachers or SMT at the gate. (SMFR complete safeguarding First Day calls for any absence that is not reported) Please also call if you are running late – If you are late then we may not have been able to order a hot meal as the office have to do this by 9.30am
- We only ask for medical evidence from families where there are ongoing attendance concerns or if there have been 5 consecutive days' absence. It is so important to gather this.

We have also noticed an increase in 'lateness' and children being collected early, which as a school we are also required to record. Again these can have a direct impact on the wellbeing and progress of the children. There are children that are missing out on over an hour of learning time every week due to being late in the mornings and this really adds up over time. Children can also find being late or leaving early makes them 'stand out' or feel anxious in front of their peers.

Reading Eggs/ Reading Eggspress

Reading at home is vital to support progress for children across the curriculum. Beyond books that the children bring home or have access to at home, they are also able to use the Reading Eggs / Eggspress digital platform to support and engage the children with reading. All children at SMFR have an allocated username and password that enables them to take part in challenges, play games and complete and rehearse key reading skills that support their progress. If you do not have this username or password, please let your class teacher know.

Spring Parent's Evenings

Tuesday 28th February and Thursday 2nd March will be Parent's Evenings this term. As there was a little confusion for some parents last time we have changed the format slightly to hopefully help eliminate this. **Tuesday 28th February** will all be **Face-to-Face appointments** in the **School Hall**. **Thursday 2nd March** will all be **phone appointments**, where teachers will call parents at the booked time. This enables us as a school to still offer both types of appointments as we know both of these suite different families. There are a limited number of each type of appointment so do please follow the email link that will be sent out on Monday asap to get your preference.

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Every School Day Counts



Every Minute Counts

LATENESS = LOST LEARNING
(Figures below are calculated over a school year)

5 Minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 Minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 Minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 Minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 Minutes late each day	19 days lost!

Be at the classroom on time and ready to learn!

Benefits of reading



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Upcoming Events –

Wednesday 8th February (after school in EYFS area)

School Council Bring and Buy Sale

Thank you to those that have given already. If you would still like to bring then please do so by Tuesday 7th February and give to Ms James.

BRING & BUY



Friday 10th February

Mufti Day

Non-Uniform Day for all – suggested donation £1. Thank you.

Monday 13th – Friday 17th February

Spring Half Term – School closed

We will see you back on Monday 20th Feb

Don't forget
parents'
evening!

Tuesday 28th February

FACE to FACE Parent's Evening Appointments in the Hall (3.30pm – 5.30pm)

Booking for Parent's Evenings will go live on Monday 6th Feb. You will be sent an email link. Please look out for this to avoid disappointment – If you do not receive an email, please contact the School Office.

Thursday 2nd March

PHONE CALL Parent's Evening Appointments – teachers call home (3.30pm – 5.30pm)

Thursday 2nd March

World Book Day

Come to school dressed as your favourite book character!

Week of 6th March

After School Clubs start this week

Club sign up will begin Monday 6th February. Look out for your email link.

Friday 17th March

Red Nose Day 2023

Wear Red or 'Something Funny for Money' – suggested donation £1
Red Noses will be on sale for £2.50 before school at the gate from Monday 13th March.

Sunday 19th March

Mothering Sunday Service at St Mary's Church

Come and celebrate with all at St Mary's Church from 11.00am

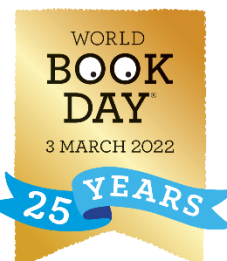
Term Dates & Dates Ahead

Friday 31st March 2023 School closes for Easter (1.30pm)

Tuesday 18th April 2023 School re-opens

Monday 29th May 2023 School closed for Summer Half term week

Friday 21st July 2023 School closes for Summer Holidays (1.30pm)



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Are you pregnant or have a baby under 6 months old?

Come along to our FREE craft session & meet other new mums

- Monday 6th February
- Monday 20th February

10.30am - 12.30pm
29 Church Street, Slough

To book your place call 01753 572958 or email office@hsslough.co.uk

FREE HOME START Slough

REGAIN CONTROL OF YOUR ENERGY BILLS

Our energy experts can lower your household costs and reduce financial stress as the costs of living continue to rise. Register for a free chat with a Green Doctor to save energy, receive free energy efficiency measures, access financial support and change tariffs.

We can help! Our free impartial advice is available for a wide range of people, such as those experiencing any of the following:

- ✓ Unaffordable bills or energy debt
- ✓ Energy-inefficient housing or a cold and damp home
- ✓ Low income
- ✓ Living with health conditions

Book your FREE consultation slot:

- 6th Feb AM - Monksfield Way & PM - Chalvey Grove
- 9th Feb AM - Penn Road CC & PM - Romsey Close CC
- Consultation slots hourly from 9am - 12pm and 1:30 - 4:30pm

To book your place please ask the children centre staff or follow the link below: south.greendoctors.org.uk/in-person-bill-surgeries/



GREEN DOCTOR

If you need to contact the Green Doctors please email: greendoctorsouth@groundwork.org.uk or scan this code



Carers Valentine Forum

Tuesday 14th February
10:30am - 12:30pm

Chalvey Community Hub,
Chalvey Community Centre,
The Green, Chalvey, Slough
SL1 2SP

Free parking at the venue.

FREE samosa and Valentine's muffin

BOOK TODAY!
<https://bit.ly/3Xx7dJB>

For further information contact Kinder:
Email sloughcarers@gmail.com
Phone 01753 303428

Enjoy refreshments, meet other carers, and talk to our experienced support team of wellbeing friend volunteers.

Meet your Valentine Wellbeing Befriender, via our 5 mins speed dating sessions!

SLOUGH
Carers Support

Health Visitor Drop-In Sessions

Yew Tree Road Children's Centre
SL1 2AR
Every Tuesday @ 9.30am - 12.30pm

***Starting Thursday 9th February... St Andrew's Way Children's Centre**
SL1 5NL
Every Thursday @ 9.30am - 11.30am

For more info please contact us:
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