



NEWS LETTER Spring 1 Week 3: ending 26.1.18

'the pathway to success'

ICT Lego: Paul Hodgkinson, ICT Advisor for Durham worked in school this week, delivering Lego training to some KS 2 classes. I observed Y4 creating a computer controlled fan made from Lego and was astounded at how competent and confident they were at programming. Mrs Connor and I are looking at how the school can invest in this and other technologies to develop this area of Computing further across the school to ensure even more progress in this important curriculum area.

Old Shirts / T Shirts Plea! If anyone has any old shirts or T shirts they can donate for art work, we would be very grateful. If you could provide one for your child to keep in their locker, this would be a great help! Thank you.

Parent Noticeboard: Thanks to Mrs Bone who has rejuvenated the Parent Noticeboard (facing the steps) as it needed a bit of a facelift! Don't forget to check the school website for dates/ events, too

Astronomical Attendance:

WEEK 2	Whole Class Attendance % this week	% of class with 100% attendance this week	Minutes late lost per class
Reception	97	87	0
Year 1	94.6	76	147 ☹ Please improve, Y1
Year 2	93.7	77	3
Year 3	99.0 ☺ Excellent!	99 WOW! Amazing, Y3!	56
Year 4	91.7	79	15
Year 5	95.3	83	62
Year 6	95.0	77	26 (Much better Y6!)

Average attendance this week for Rec- Y6 = 95.1 %: this is much better attendance this week from all classes: thank you!

Lateness: An improvement but still too high this week, with 309 minutes lost due to being late (Year 1 was very high this week, please be in on time next week). Referrals to Durham County Council Enforcement Team are being made this week for those children persistently absent (ie. Attendance falling below 90%). This may result in a fine or even court prosecution.

Unauthorised absence: 2.21 % Much better than last week (halved!)

Absence due to illness: 1.72 % (also much improved!: let's hope those nasty bugs have disappeared!)

Lunchtime Supervisor's Good manners award: this week goes to Finley Icton whose hard-working attitude is an inspiration to others!

Dates for your diary

Monday 8 th January	Children return to school
Friday 9 th February	Break up for 1 Week Half Term
Monday 19 th February	Children and staff return to school

