



### Headteacher's Message

Welcome back after what I hope was a relaxing couple of weeks off. We have had a great first week back, the children have been brilliant as always. We have an enormously busy half term ahead of us, with so many events planned for the children and you to enjoy. During Christmas period alone we have the community Christmas meal, Christmas jumper day, the PA Christmas bazaar and the nativities to look forward to. Add to that the parents' evenings, fireworks night, topic launches, Children in Need, the start of the football world cup and everything else we have planned, it's shaping up to be a half term to remember. As always, we appreciate your support with all of these events and look forward to see as many of you as we can.

### Apply for Reception and Burnt Oak

All year 2 parents should now be applying for Burnt Oak. All Nursery parents should be applying for a Reception place. You have until 15th January to submit your applications via the Bexley website.

### Parking

A gentle reminder not to park over our neighbours driveways or on the zig zags outside school.

### Reading books

Please can we ask that you do not put your child's water bottle in their book bags. We have had a number of reading books ruined by water bottles leaking on them.

### Weather

Now that the weather is starting to turn a bit colder, please ensure children are coming to school with coats. Thank you.



### Christmas Bazaar

Our PA are busy organising the Christmas Bazaar. This will be on Saturday 26 Nov. Please come along if you can.



### Nativities

This year our Reception and Nursery Nativity will be held on 12th/13th December and Year 1 and 2 will be on 14th /15th December. More information will be sent out soon.



### Last day of term

The last day of term is Tuesday 20th December. We return on Thursday 5th January 2023



## SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY BY DONATING TO BEXLEY FOOD BANK THIS NOVEMBER

Drop off donations every Saturday throughout November at The Pavilion. All non-perishable goods welcome and we especially need:

- Soup
- Rice
- Tinned fruit
- Rice pudding
- Fruit juice
- Milk - long life
- Custard
- Noodles
- Fish
- Meat
- Jam
- Toilet roll
- Sweetcorn
- Peas
- Carrots
- Coffee

**When:** Every Saturday throughout November, 9am - 11am

**Drop off:** Lamorbey Residents' Association, 21a Burnt Oak Lane, Sidcup, DA15 9DB

### Attendance

A significant proportion of our students have an attendance rate of around 90%. Many believe this to be acceptable, but what does it really mean for our students?

A student with a 90% attendance record is absent from lessons for the equivalent of **one half-day every week**.

A student with a 90% attendance rate misses the equivalent of **four whole weeks** of lessons in one school year.

A child who misses school just twice per month will lose out on 18 days' education across the school year – that's nearly four weeks.



### Absence

Just a reminder, when reporting your child's absence from school please ensure you leave a detailed reason



for their absence.  
Thank you.

### ATTENDANCE MATTERS

every student, every day



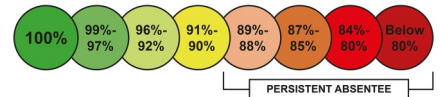
**Our current school attendance is 96%.**

### Term Time Absence

Children have missed out on so much during the pandemic over the last 2 years, both academically and socially. We understand that a lot of holidays have been put back and delayed however, please avoid booking any holidays during term time. It is very important that all children are in school with the exception of illness or exceptional circumstances.

### ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



**Which CIRCLE are you in?**

THE HAMBLE SCHOOL

## Attendance Matters

Who can reach the top of the Chatsworth squirrel?



100% Perfection

98% Impressive

96% GOOD

95% Nearly There

94% Needs Improvement

90% Concerns

88% SERIOUS Concerns

4 Days off each year

7 Days off school each year

9 Days off each year

11 Days off each year

1 MONTH off each year

2 MONTHS off each year

Who can reach the top?

