

Good Morning

Fridays seems to come around so quickly

## Health and Safety

We are promised the damage to the wall near the steps where you come in from Melrose Drive are supposed to be worked on today. The area will be made safe and access will still be available down the ramp. If we need to I will let parents who just collect FS2 children to use the large gates by the field.

**Covid 19** - numbers of cases in school are low at the end of this week at 4. We do still continue to have cases of sickness across school so would remind you that children need to stay off for 48 hours after the last bout of vomiting or diarrhoea.

**Water Bottles** - please could we maintain children bringing in water bottles each day. We do have more and more children not bringing in bottles which is the safest way for children to have access to a drink in the day.

**Hungry** before dinner time - just to remind you that children in KS2 can bring fruit in from home to have at playtime or you can purchase a piece of fruit from school each day. As we don't have cash in school we have set up a section on parentpay for fruit. To make it easier for payment for you we will charge £3.00 each half term (the cost is 50p a week and we have averaged half terms to 6 weeks, hence £3.00)

## RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch

This weekend is the the annual event where we are asked to "count the birds, and help monitor how birds are faring. It's free, fun, and a great way to keep an eye on your local wildlife. Wherever you are, whatever you see, it counts!" The children had a go in assembly to describe and recognise some of our common and popular garden birds. I have attached the powerpoint for you to help spot any birds you see if you are interested. Below is a link to help you recognise the bird song too

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/bird-songs/what-bird-is-that/>

It links in well with the assembly focus this week on listening.

## Student Voice Survey

There is a link below for children from Y4 - Y6 to help the Local Authority gain the views of children and help shape decision making. I have attached information on what the children will be asked and what it is used for.

We have until April to complete this and if you wish you can do it at home too:

<https://online1.snapsurveys.com/SV2022Primary>

## Half Term holiday

Half term is Monday 21st until Friday 25th February. As information comes in for activities available to the children we will send them out to you. I have attached one for a Multi sports camp if it of any help.

## Attendance

I know I shared information with you last week about our challenge to improve attendance for children who are deemed as persistent absentees (anyone 90% or under). Our rate is significantly higher than the information held for County Durham and National. We have looked at children who are in this category that is not related to Covid 19 and will be in touch to see if there is anything school can do to support an improvement in attendance for your child.

### Year groupweek attendance %

FS2	84.3
Year 1	91.9
Year 2	90
Year 3	94.4
Year 4	91.3
Year 5	85.9
Year 6	90.5
Total	<b>89.7</b>

## Attachments

[Student voice survey parent and carer letter.docx](#)

[February Half tem.docx](#)

[Garden Birds.pdf](#)

[SVS FAQs for children and young people.docx](#)