



NEWSLETTER 17
Spring Term '20
Thursday 30th January 2020

Parents Internet Safety workshop

Following on from feedback we received after the parents anti-bullying meeting. We have arranged a parent's internet safety meeting for Thursday 6th February at 9am in the KS1 hall. This will help to educate parents and support their child if they are able to access the internet out of school. Please join us!

Morning Drop Off

A polite reminder that if you would like to speak to your child's teacher in length regarding a school matter, please contact the office as they can then make an appointment for you. It is difficult for the teaching staff to speak to parents in a morning, especially if you feel it is a relatively important or confidential matter.

100 % Attendance Reward

Congratulations to one of our year 3 pupils, Denis Ciungu for his 100% attendance during the autumn term. Denis went to collect his new bike and helmet from Aladdin's bikes on Ilkeston Road. For your child to have the opportunity to win a bike, remember they have to attend school all day every day. This includes not being late!

Swimming

We have had an increasing number of parents requesting that their child misses swimming on a Tuesday. We are extremely lucky here at Mellers that our children have the opportunity to swim on a weekly basis and it is all free for parents. Upon admission this is explained to parents and made clear that it is compulsory and not optional. Having regular swimming lessons is invaluable and can be lifesaving. Your child will not get ill walking to and from swimming if they have warm clothing. Your child will be safe throughout the whole lesson at John Carroll, they have a specialised swimming teacher alongside our own members of staff. Please support us with this.



Late Children

This week so far, **78 children** have been late for school. This is a good improvement!

If your child has to go through the office to sign in, this means they are late for school. Your children are missing valuable learning time. If your child is 10 minutes late every day, they are missing 50 minutes of learning each week, which is over 3 hours of learning every month, and 32.5 hours every year (equivalent to a working week's learning lost each year due to being late for school). Try and get your child's school day off to a good start!



Have a lovely weekend

Amanda Dawson
Headteacher

Reading at Home

Please try and read with your child at least three times a week in order for them to get their sticker. This helps them greatly and is also special time for you and your child to share together. It can be any type of reading including comics, magazine and library books. Always log it in their reading diary.