

Awbridge Primary School News

Issue 9

Friday 19th January 2018

Work Sharing Afternoon

We would like to invite you to come into school on Thursday 25th January between 3.00-4.00pm. Your child's work will be available for you to look at with them. This gives them a wonderful opportunity to show you all they have been doing and for them to share their learning with you. If you are unable to attend and would like to, please invite another family member to join your child.

Parking

Once again can we please remind you to be mindful of our neighbours and not block driveways or turning in driveways during drop-off and pick-up times. We are aware that the roads have been very congested which has not been helped by local construction workers. Having met with the developers they are now parking more considerably to allow space for parents to park nearer school. Thank you to those parents who have been supportive and proactive in liaising with the developers as well, it is very much appreciated.



E-Safety

Some useful websites to inform you and to share with your children at home:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

<http://safeguardingchildren.co.uk/admin/uploads/parent-info/e-safety-leaflet.pdf>

<http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/parents/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Attendance for last week

Chestnut	94.6%
Willow	98.6%
Maple	99.1%
Conifer	97.7%
Beech	96.4%
Whole School	97.4%

Attendance

Attendance levels are up! Congratulations to all children for improving the school attendance in the Autumn Term. **Attendance for the term was 96.7%.** Thank you all for supporting the school to ensure that the children are in school as much as possible, and for taking part in the flu immunisation programme for Year R to Year 4 children, we feel it has made a positive impact.

Storytelling Workshop Maple class were treated to a whole day of storytelling. They were visited by Mike Rogers and Cat Randle from the Spoken Word Project. During the day the children listened to stories and learnt how to perform stories with their voices and actions. The children are now writing their own stories which will be performed and judged in school. The champions will be performing at The Lights, Andover, later in the year.

Urban nature: upcycling at Awbridge Primary School

After winning last year's Young Art in the Park with ceramic fungi, we decided to give our entry to Hillier Arboretum's Young Art in the Garden a contrasting urban theme. The children had been learning about the work of Australian artist, Claudia Moodoonuthi, and wanted to showcase their own work using recycled skateboards. A request for parents to check their garages for any unwanted ones resulted in a donation to the school of six in much need of repair. The first task was to prepare the skateboards. An electric sander was used by an adult to sand back the main area, before a school governor visited the school to show the children how to use a block with sandpaper to prepare the surface for painting.

Despite the urban nature of the skateboards, the children wanted to decorate them with examples of nature found within our school grounds and surrounding area. They set about gathering evidence of the flora and fauna, using their



sketchbooks to capture ideas and to combine these ideas with the practice of pointillism. The children then drew around the shape of their skateboards in order to have a life-sized surface area to apply and practise their designs on.

Once happy with their designs it was time to transpose these onto the actual skateboards. This caused much excitement as well as apprehension – it was quite a learning journey so far! The children worked on one side at a time, lightly sketching lines, swirls and dots, before applying bright colours of acrylic paint in layers. Each week a little more was added until they were fully decorated. Several layers of varnish were added to preserve the skateboards from the elements

as they were to be displayed outdoors for five months.

The enthusiasm and dedication put in by the children was amazing and they were all delighted with the outcomes of their hard efforts. They all felt very proud to see their sculptures on display as part of the Art in the Garden exhibition. The children hope to have inspired others to take a careful look at what is lurking in sheds and garages just waiting to be created into a stunning work of art.

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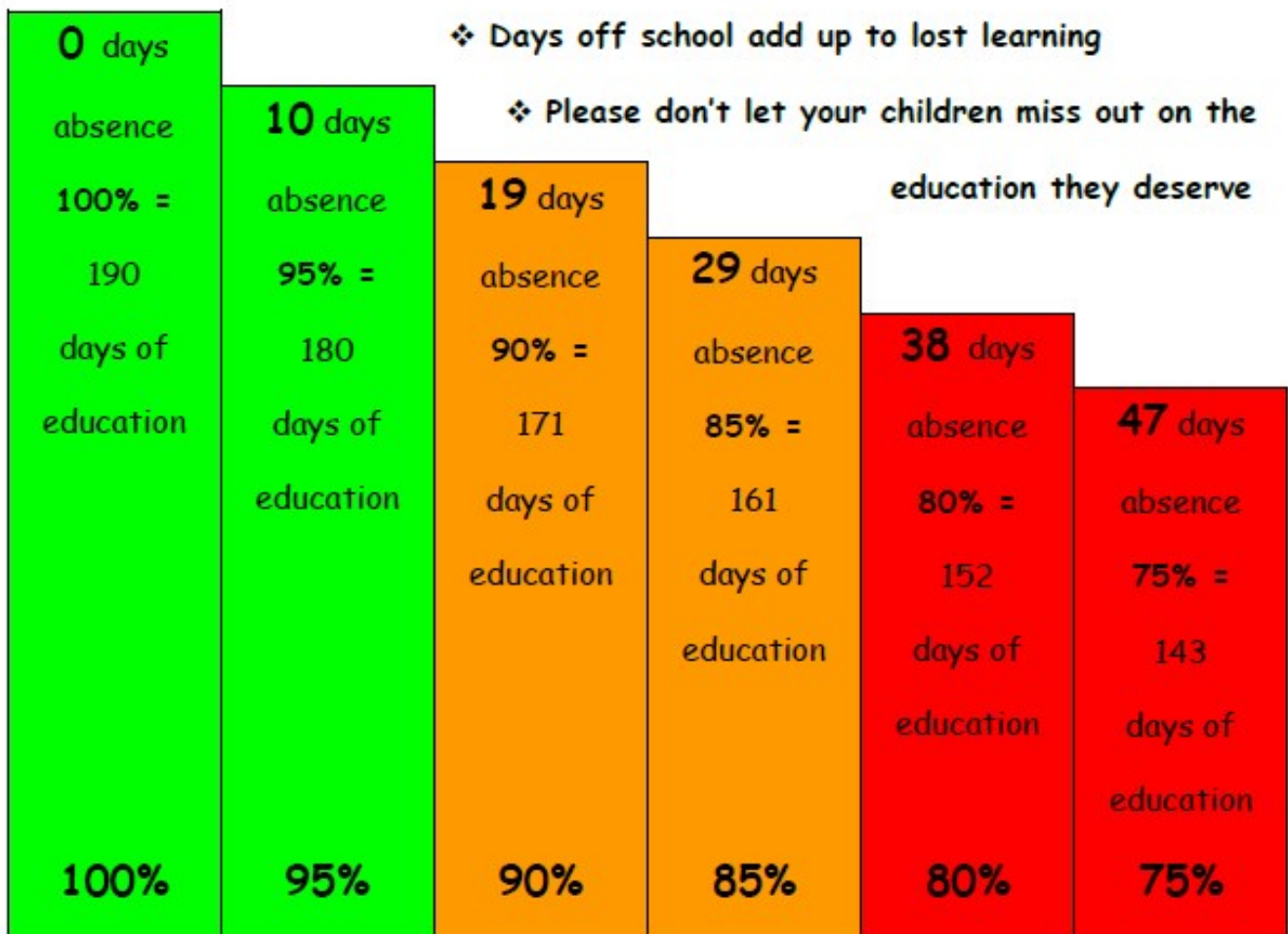
Art Co-ordinator
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Wish you were here!



Every School Day Counts!



2018 School Dates

January

Thursday 25th Work sharing afternoon 3-4pm

February

Thursday 8th **Last day of Spring 1 term**

Friday 9th **Inset day — School Closed**

Mon 12th to Fri 16th (incl) Half Term Break

Monday 19th **Start of Spring 2 term**

Wednesday 21st Roman Workshop for Maple Class

March

Thursday 1st March World Book Day

Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th Parents Evening

Thursday 15th March Awbridge Dance Festival

Thursday 29th **Last day of Spring term**

Fri 30th March to Fri 13th Apr (Incl) Easter Break

April

Monday 16th **Start of Summer 1 Term**

May

Monday 7th **Bank Holiday Monday—School Closed**

Monday 14th—Thurs 17th Key Stage 2 SATs

Thursday 24th **Last day of Summer 1 Term**

Friday 25th **Inset day — School Closed**

Mon 28th May to Fri 1st June (Incl) Half term Break

June

Monday 4th **Start of Summer 2 Term**

July

Fri 20th July **Last day of Summer 2 Term (Monday 23rd July—Inset Day so School Closed)**

2018 Sports Dates

JANUARY

Monday 22nd	Football Festival at Mountbatten Years 5/6 (4-5pm)
Tuesday 23rd	Basketball Practice at The Romsey School (4-5pm)
Monday 29th	Football Festival at Mountbatten Years 5/6 (4-5pm)

FEBRUARY

Monday 5th	Football Festival at Mountbatten Years 5/6 (4-5pm)
Monday 26th	Netball League at Mountbatten Years 5/6 (4-5pm)