

## Newsletter 08/09/2017

This year we will be using a 'Recognition Board' to challenge children to achieve daily targets linked to the academy rules and expectations. The aim is for all children to achieve the target and get their name on the Recognition Board. The totals below show how many children have achieved this each week.

**This week 305 children made it onto the Recognition Board.  
Well done!**



Parrots	Flamingos	Pandas	Elephants	Eagles	Llamas	Dolphins
23/23	23/23	24/24	23/23	23/23	19/19	17/17
Penguins	Foxes	Polar Bears	Rabbits	Giraffes	Wolves	Turtles
25/25	24/24	24/24	22/22	22/22	20/20	17/17

**Parrots**  
96.8% & 1 late

**Penguins**  
96% & 0 lates

**Attendance & Lates**  
Whole school: **97.34%** and **3 lates**  
**A great first week for attendance – well done!**  
**Our attendance target for the year is 96%**  
Year to date is: 97.34%

**Llamas**  
96.9% & 0 lates

**Wolves**  
99.3% & 0 lates

**Flamingos**  
99.4% & 0 lates

**Foxes**  
94.1% & 0 lates

**Dolphins**  
99.2% & 1 lates

**Turtles**  
95.7% & 0 lates

**Pandas**  
99.4% & 0 lates

**Polar Bears**  
94.1% & 0 lates

**Elephants**  
99.4% & 0 lates

**Rabbits**  
98.7% & 0 lates

**Eagles**  
98.8% & 1 late

**Giraffes**  
96.8% & 0 lates

### Stars of the Week

**Meerkats** - Joseph D

**Monkeys** - Ollie G

**Parrots** - Jack T

**Penguins** - Amelie –Rose S

**Flamingos** – Kaidan N

**Foxes** - All the class

**Pandas** – Jayden K

**Polar Bears** - Riley S

**Elephants** - Ebony O

**Rabbits** - Xinyi C

**Eagles** - All the class

**Giraffes** - Keira S

**Llamas** - All the class

**Turtles** - Logan H

**Dolphins** - Ashton K

**Well Done!**

### Upcoming Dates

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September - Macmillan Coffee Morning

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October - Halloween Disco - Y1 to Y6 only

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October - Children finish for half term

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October - Children return to school at 8.30am

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November – School photographer

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November - Parents' Evening 3.30-6pm

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need fundraising event

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Fayre

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Children finish for Christmas

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – INSET Day – school closed to children

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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Welcome back! We hope you all had an enjoyable summer and are ready for the academic year ahead. It is lovely to see so many children returning to school, looking so smart in their school uniform, especially Year 6 pupils in their new shirts and ties – thank you for your support with this!

We would also like to welcome all new pupils and their families who have joined Simpson's Lane this term. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher who will be able to help or speak to a member of the senior leadership team who are usually available at the beginning and end of the school day.

Below is some information about the coming term as well as a reminder of some policies and procedures at Simpson's Lane Academy:

### **Class News**

From next week classes in each year group will take turns to share the work they have been doing in this weekly newsletter and let you know the wonderful opportunities and experiences they have had.

We hope you find the updates useful and support your children's learning at home wherever possible.

### **After-School Clubs**

**Clubs will start week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> September**

We are in the process of planning after-school clubs. Letters and permission slips will be sent home next Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and must be returned by Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Term Time Holidays**

From 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013 head teachers have been unable to authorise term time holidays, except in exceptional circumstances. We expect the best possible attendance at all times as such poor attendance, persistent lateness, or unauthorised and unexplained absences may result in Penalty Notices being issued by the Wakefield Educational Welfare Officer (EWO).

### **Reading**

Reading is an important skill which children need to access all areas of the curriculum and we continue to work hard to ensure children read as often as possible and have a range of books and texts to choose from in school. This year we have invested in new Home School Record books for Key Stage 2 pupils to encourage children to take pride in their reading homework.

We ask that all children throughout the academy read at least five times a week and have their reading record signed in order to wear non-uniform on a Friday. If children choose to attend lunchtime reading clubs, this will also be recorded.

We appreciate your support with this at home!

### **Contact Details / Pupil Records**

It is important that contact details for all pupils are kept up-to-date so that contact can be made in the event of sickness or an emergency.

We will be asking you to review and update the contact details currently held on our system and would appreciate it if these are returned to us as soon as possible.

We will also be updating our photo consent forms. It is important if you return this form along with updated contacts.

### **Safeguarding**

At Simpson's Lane Academy, the welfare of all our pupils is of great importance to us and we hope that parents are confident about their children's health and safety whilst in our academy. We will always try to share any concerns we have with parents. However, there are times when we are legally obliged to share our concerns with other agencies, without first speaking to parents, or without the consent of parents. The safety and protection of our pupils is our most important concern and we wish to reassure you that any sharing of information is done with the children's best interest at heart. If you have any concerns about the welfare or safety of any child in our school, the Designated Safeguarding Lead is Miss Mayers. In her absence, you should contact, Mrs Fairfield, Mr Colley, Mrs Silburn or Mrs Linstead (Deputy Safeguarding Leads). They can be contacted through the school office. The academy has a duty to inform parents that there is a prohibition on reporting or publishing details (including on social media) that could identify anyone who is subject to an allegation.

The Government launched a website aimed at parents, teachers and school leaders to give practical advice on protecting young people from extremism and radicalisation. The website can be found at [www.educateagainsthate.com](http://www.educateagainsthate.com)