



### ATTENDANCE

The school year =190 days. Good attendance is judged by the DfE to be 95% or above. The following table helps to illustrate the impact of poor attendance.

% attendance	Number of school days missed	Average number of lessons missed
95	1 week 4 ½ days	58
90	3 weeks 4 days	76
85	5 weeks 3 ½ days (nearly half a term)	114
80	7 weeks 3 days	152
75	9 weeks 3 ½ days	190
70	11 weeks 2 days. One term's learning missed	228

We would like to remind parents that we are unable to authorise absences for holidays. Please see the Attendance Policy on [irbyprimary.com](http://irbyprimary.com) for more detail.

### HEALTH AND SAFETY

**Parking** - Please remember to park safely around our school and with respect for residents.

**Earrings**- Please ensure that children's earrings are removed before school. Thank you for your co-operation.

### HISTORY WEEK

The children thoroughly enjoyed this special week and each class had the opportunity to learn about a different period of British history: Present Day Royal Family, 1970s, 1950s, Spanish Armada & Queen Elizabeth I, Battle of Hastings & 1066, Iron Age and Stone Age. Staff and children enjoyed dressing up on Friday. Photographs are already on the VLE/Twitter with more to follow soon.

Please don't forget to check [irbyprimary.com](http://irbyprimary.com) for up to date information.

### STAFF NEWS

We have new associate teachers working with us this term. Miss Toovey in Y5 and Mr Nightingale in Y1 will be with us until half term. Miss Neil, who joined Y2 during last term, will be with us until early February. Miss Fitzsimons and Mr Gardner will be with Y3 every Tuesday until the end of June. Miss Marsh, who works with Y1 every Monday will be with the class every day for the next two weeks.

We are fortunate that are able to receive this additional support for our children. We hope the associate teachers find their time with us a valuable experience.

We would like to welcome Miss Jackson who has joined us as a TA supporting Y1, Y3 and Y5.

### WELCOME

We would like to welcome Jessica who has started in Y3.

### PARENTS' EVENING

Parents' Evenings this term will be 13th and 14th February, Y1 only will be 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> February. This will be an opportunity for you to meet with staff members, admire the children's work and discuss next steps. Booking will be via the school website. Details to follow.



We are delighted to announce that the Christmas Fair raised just over £1200, thank you to everyone who supported this event. The next meeting is in The Anchor on Tuesday 29/1/19. All Welcome!

### E-SAFETY

The children will be learning how to keep themselves safe online during the week beginning 4.2.19. Parents may find the following link useful. <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>

### SPORTS NEWS

This term Y5/6 will be having cricket coaching and we will have Judo and Archery assemblies.

The following tournaments and events have been planned:  
Futsal Y3/4, Y5/6 Pop  
Lacrosse, Quick Sticks Y5/6,  
Fit Fun Festival Y5/6 & Y5/6

### UNIFORM

A reminder that our winter uniform is a red polo shirt, **grey** sweatshirt or cardigan (no hoodies), **grey** trousers, skirt or pinafore and black sensible shoes. **Please note that trainers are not part of our school uniform and should not be worn.** Thank you for your co-operation.

### DATES

#### **HALF TERM**

School closes - 15.2.19

School opens -25.2.19

#### **SPRING BREAK**

School closes - 29.3.19

#### **SUMMER**

School opens -15.4.19

#### **EASTER**

School closed Fri 19.4.19

School closed Mon 22.4. 19

INSET Thurs 2.5.19

May Bank Holiday- 6.5.19

#### **HALF TERM**

School closes - 24.5.19

INSET Mon 3.6.19

School opens -4.6.19

School closes - 24.7.19

#### **AUTUMN**

INSET Mon 2.9.19

School opens - 3.9.19

School closes - 25.10.19

School opens - 4.11.19

#### **Christmas**

School closes - 20.12.19

2020 - INSET 6.1.20

School opens 7.1.20

### OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

16.1.19 & 17.1.19 Life

Education Caravan

22.1.19 Lantern Making at

Heswall Primary

24.1.19 Science under the

Stars at Heswall Primary

5.2.19 Safer Internet day

4.2.19 Y5 Swimming for

two weeks

4.2.19 Chinese New Year

Celebration F2/Y1/Y2

8.2.19 Go Green Day

13.2.19 & 14.2.19 Parents'

Evenings. Y1 only 6.2.19

and 13.2.19.

1.3.19 Secondary

Allocation Day

7.3.19 World Book Day

8.3.19 Y5 Class Assembly

19.3.19 Young

Shakespeare Company

Y5/6

21.3.19 Y6 Spelling Bee

Final

27.3.19 & 28.3.19 Y5

Bikeability

28.3.19 Music Evening

28.3.19 Y6 Maths Bee

Final

29.3.19 Y4 Class Assembly