



### Open math's lessons

Thank you to everyone who came to our open lesson this week. Miss Crow and Mr Edwards will be doing their lesson next Thursday morning at 9.15am. All the teachers have sent home the games the children were playing in the classroom and we have attached the calculation policy for you to refer to. Please ask in the office if you wish to have a paper copy. Why not check out the home learning page on the school website for some more ideas on how to help your child's learning at home.

### School attendance

Following a visit from our school EWO (Education welfare officer), I have been asked to remind you of the government's regulations on leave of absence from school.

Children of school age who are registered at a school must, by law, attend that school regularly. Regular attendance is the best way of ensuring that a child makes the most of the educational opportunities which are available to him or her. When a child is absent from school, he or she misses not only the teaching provided but is also less prepared for the lessons after his or her return. There are only 190 statutory school days in one year and 175 days (weekends and school holidays) available to use for holidays. Therefore every school day counts.

Prior to June 2013, the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006 allowed for head teachers to grant leave of absence for a term time family holiday in 'special circumstances' and for extended leave in exceptional circumstances. Amendments to these regulations remove references to family holidays and extended leave. **The amendments make it clear that head teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances and that head teachers should determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if the leave is granted.** If your child is registered at school you must ensure that they attend regularly.

The regulations make it clear that parents do not have any right or entitlement to take a child out of school for the purposes of a term time holiday. If parents take their child on holiday in term time this will be counted as an unauthorised absence - this is the same as truancy and you may be at risk of a penalty notice being applied.

### Aviva Award

It is with great excitement that we have been awarded the £1000 grant from Aviva to buy outdoor table tennis equipment. A big thank you to Mrs Poole, Governor and everyone who voted.

### Next 2 weeks' events

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January Choir to O2

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January Miss Crowe's & Mr Edward's open maths lesson at 9.15am