



It has been another busy week in school, with Year 6 spending an amazing day at the Imperial War Museum and many children representing our school in local sports events. Please have a look on our Twitter feed to see what they got up to. Thank you to any parents who have helped with these events.

KS2 Snack



After half term, we will be offering KS2 children the option to buy break time snacks from the kitchen. Payment will be charged via scopay as and when your child has any of the below:

Buttered toast 25p Fruit 30p Crumpet 30p Bacon Sandwich £1 (Fridays only)

Harvest Festival



Ian Oulton from the Foodbank will be talking to the children in assembly. Please see the list for items we will be collecting next week, if possible please bring them to school on Wednesday ready for the collection on Thursday. We would like to thank you in advance for your generosity you show to this appeal each year.

Finally, please could we ask you to read the important information below to clarify the Department of Education's guidance for [taking children on holiday during term time](#).

Improving regular attendance at school is a key priority, for local authorities and government alike. The Education Act 1996 makes it a criminal offence for a parent to "fail to secure their child's regular attendance at the school".

In 2013, the Department for Education (DFE) announced important amendments to legislation surrounding the taking of holidays in term time.

As of 1 September 2013, the legislation which previously granted Head Teachers the discretion to approve up to two weeks (ie 10 school days) leave of absence during term time for the purposes of a family holiday in special circumstances has changed.

The Education (Pupil Registration) Regulations 2006 (as amended) now state that a leave of absence during term time can only be approved by a Head Teacher/School Governing Body when:

- A written request is made in advance of the leave being taken and the circumstances of the requested leave are 'exceptional'.

There is no longer any provision for 'holidays' in the regulations.

Following guidance from the DfE the Head Teacher and the School's Governing Body on receipt of a written request for an absence of leave from a parent/carer will consider whether the circumstances of the request are 'exceptional' and communicate to the parent/carer if their request has been approved or not. A leave of absence during term time for the purposes of a holiday is not normally considered to qualify as exceptional.

If a leave of absence goes ahead after a request for approval has been declined, the absence will be recorded on the pupil's registration record as unauthorised.

Should an unauthorised leave of absence be of duration of 10 consecutive school sessions (ie five school days) or more, on the request of the Head Teacher or School Governing Body, the local authority will issue a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) to **each** of the child's parents/carers.

Have a lovely weekend

Wendy Lyon & Julie Cox