



### School attendance: penalty notices

Derbyshire County Council is committed to providing all children with the best start in life. Good school attendance is a key factor in ensuring that children can make the most of their education.

The majority of parents and carers in Derbyshire ensure that their children attend school regularly. Unfortunately for a small but significant minority that is not the case. As a result, the **local authority** may decide to begin the process of issuing a legal penalty notice for unauthorised absence from school.

#### The legal basis for penalty notices

The law says that parents and carers whose children of compulsory school age are absent from school without good reason are committing an offence, and those parents may be prosecuted in the Magistrate's Court. Section 23 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 introduced additional powers under Section 444 of the Education Act 1996 authorising **local authorities** to issue penalty notices in cases of **unauthorised absence** from school.

For more information please visit the school website.

[www.parwich.derbyshire.sch.uk](http://www.parwich.derbyshire.sch.uk)



#### School Uniform

Items of school uniform stored in lost property will be displayed in the 'Jinfants' classroom on Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th February from 3.30pm to enable parents to

reclaim any missing items of uniform.

We would very much appreciate your cooperation in this matter as we try to reunite lost items of clothing and footwear with their rightful owners.

Any items not claimed after these dates will be sold to raise money for school funds.

#### Outdoor Learning

We had a great day on Friday, taking full advantage of our outdoor learning environment. Feedback from the children has been really positive and they are already busy requesting other focus days based around their favourite subjects. Photographs are available on the school website.

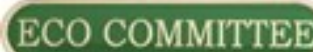
### Dates For Your Diary

#### February 2014

4th - KS2 Trip to RAF Cosford Museum

5th - Gymnastics for Yrs. 3 & 4 at QEGs 3.45pm

12th - Eco Committee Meeting 12.30pm



13th - Basketball for Yrs. 5 & 6 at QEGs 4.15pm

14th - School closed for Half Term and reopens on 24th February.

#### March 2014

4th & 5th - INSET Days for Shrovetide

### School Absence

A polite reminder; please ensure you inform school BEFORE your child is absent either by email, telephone or letter if you know in advance. Any holidays MUST be requested using a School Holiday Request form. This is available from staff on duty and is available on our school website. Please report all illness by 9am on the first day to the school office, we will as matter of school policy contact you if we haven't heard from you by 9.15am.

### School Lunch Procedures Reminder

Each child's lunch has to be ordered at the kitchen by 10am.

Any child going home unexpectedly after this time and before lunch has to be charged for the meal which has been ordered regardless of whether they have eaten it or not.

If you know your child is being picked up for an appointment and will be absent at lunchtime please inform the class teacher by 9am so we can amend the dinner register accordingly.

Thank you for your support.

#### Governor News

A very warm welcome to our new members of the governing body;  
Mrs Jennifer Barker and Miss Hannah Pendrigh.