

# Respect Inspire Achieve



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Well things have well and truly settled down in school after the Christmas break and everyone is working hard.

You may have noticed that the parking situation outside the front gates with residents parking on the zig-zag lines seems to have improved at least for the time being. We will continue to monitor this and of course report any vehicles parking in this area. However, one or two parents are choosing to park on the unmade road to the side of the school gates. Please can I ask that you do not park there, **you** are then causing the obstruction and putting people at risk, that road is also needed for access to the playground for emergency vehicles —park away from the gates and walk to school to collect your child. Any car parking there will be reported.



If you come into the school yard regularly, you may have noticed there has been more vandalism to our gazebo. A massive “thank you” to Luca’s Grandma who saw it happening and tackled the culprits and got some names. The children who caused the damage do not attend RMS and I have spoken with their Headteachers who have informed parents of what their children have been up to whilst playing out. We will get the gazebo repaired as soon as the weather settles down and fingers crossed we won’t get any further damage.

One thing that has been quite noticeable since the start of the new term is the amount of children turning up late for school. The second bell rings at 8.50am and this is the time your child should be in school. We will be monitoring attendance and punctuality very closely as required by the DfE and acting accordingly. It is so important the your child is on time for school. Not only does being late impact on your child’s learning, many children find it distressing and embarrassing to enter the classroom when everyone else is settled and getting on with work.



## Did you know?

- 5 minutes late each day = 3 days of school lost in a year
- 10 minutes late each day = 6.5 days of school lost in a year
- 15 minutes late each day = 10 days of school lost in a year
- 20 minutes late each day = 13 days of school lost in a year
- 30 minutes late each day = 19 days of school lost in a year

**19 days lost in a school year is likely to lead to one whole grade lower in SATs across all subjects**

Finally, just to let you know our Celebration Assembly will be as normal tomorrow morning at 9am in the school hall and that on the back of this newsletter is a diary of upcoming events in school.

Take care and keep safe.

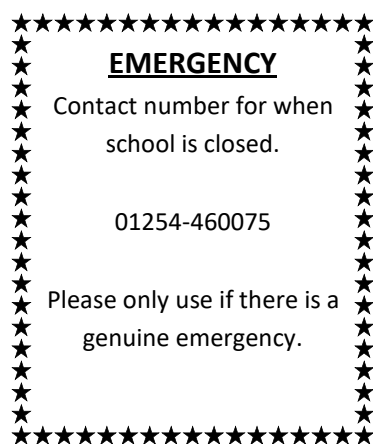
Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Neale



Please do not bring any dogs onto the school premises even if you are carrying them. If you bring your dog to school, you will need to wait outside the gates.

Thank you.



# Our Stars of the Week



Sapphire

Emerald

Ruby

Amethyst

Topaz

Opal

Diamond

Well done to all our stars

**Attendance winners this  
week.**

*Diamond*

*(Year 6)*



# Diary Dates

- Friday 20th January—Height and weight checks for FS
- Wednesday 1st February—visit from Phil Gough (Lancashire District Methodist Chair)
- Tuesday 7th February—Safer Internet Day
- Friday 10th February—visit to school by Andy Tooze
- Friday 10th February—finish for half term at 3.15pm
- Monday 20th February—school reopens at 8.40am
- Wednesday 1st March—Years 5/6 residential visit to Hothersall Lodge
- Friday 10th March - open afternoon 1.45pm—3.00pm
- Friday 24th March—outdoor learning day
- Thursday 30th March—parents evening 4pm—7pm
- Friday 31st March—school closes for Easter at 2pm

