

Friday 29th March 2019

Dear parents,

The term is racing along and we find ourselves almost at the end of another term: time certainly races by at Ivingswood Academy!

Attendance Winners

After most of the term being dominated by Year 2 and Year 5, we have had a change in our attendance winners. The winners for the week ending 15th March were Reception class with 97%. Last week I challenged all class to achieve 100% attendance for the week, although I think some of the teachers were more motivated by the thought of victory than the children. However, we did have one class who did achieve a fantastic 100% attendance: a huge well done to Year 3!

End of Term

Next Friday, 5th April, is the last day of term. As usual, we will be finishing school at 1.30pm. School will recommence on **Wednesday 24th April at 8.30am.**

Collecting Children from School

If your child will be collected by someone other than their regular adult, please inform the office and/or class teachers in the morning so that we are aware of who is collecting each child. This is vital in ensuring that children are safe and sent home with the correct person. If teachers are not aware someone different will be collecting your child, there will be a delay while we verify with you who is collecting them.

Year 5 Class Assembly / Celebration Assembly

On Friday 5th April, Year 5 will be performing their class assembly to the rest of the school and to parents before our celebration assembly. All parents of pupils in Year 5 are warmly invited to join us this week. Due to our end of term early finish, this week's celebration assembly will start at 9am.

Before and After school

A polite reminder the whistle is blown at 8.30am and after your child's class teacher has passed your child back to you at 3pm, children are your responsibility. Please ensure that they are playing safely on the playground and respecting school property. Should any issues arise or you have concerns about the safety of other children, please speak to a member of staff so that we can deal with it.

Breakfast Club

I have been delighted to see so many new faces at breakfast club this term and class teachers have noticed the difference regular attendance has made to pupils' learning and focus in the morning. Our breakfast club is staffed entirely by volunteers and they are increasingly

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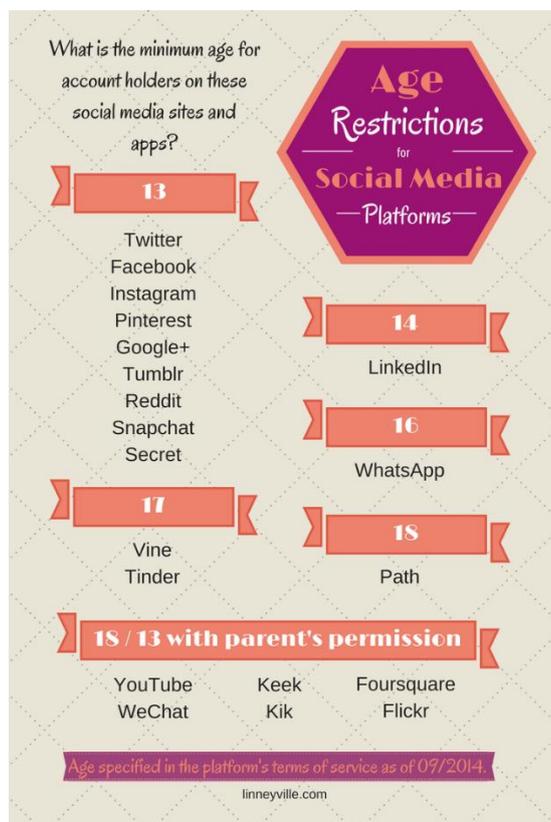


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overwhelmed. If any parents are able to support our breakfast club by volunteering on a regular basis, please speak to Mrs Newington. We would be very grateful for extra help.

Social Media

There are an increasing number of issues spilling over into school life which have been started through the use of social media. However, many of the apps and platforms children are using have age restrictions above that of the ages of our pupils. Most of the popular platforms including Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat and TikTok have a minimum age of 13 and WhatsApp has a minimum age of 16. More information can be found by clicking this [LINK](#).



Ivingswood Choir

A KS2 Choir will begin after Easter. Any child interested in taking part in this exciting new opportunity to enjoy singing and making music together is very welcome to attend. Choir will run on Tuesdays after school until 4pm, with Miss Smith. More information on other clubs for Summer term will be sent out next term.

Sunglasses and hats

As the weather warms and the sun shines brighter, some children may wish to wear sunglasses to school. If your child chooses to do so, this is at their own risk and they must be responsible for their glasses.

As the weather warms up, it is strong recommended that children wear sunhats when they are outside. Please make sure that all caps and hats are labelled and any slogans on caps are appropriate for school.

Enjoy the sunshine this Mother's Day weekend

Yours sincerely,

Julie-Ann Swaysland
Headteacher