



This half-term's Pathway:

### Collaboration

Welcome to the first of this year's newsletters. It has been a busy first few weeks and you should have received our term dates, your year group newsletter as well as a link to our Knowledge Organisers (<https://www.straitsprimaryschool.com/knowledge-organisers/>). We have many events planned this term so please make sure that you check our website, Facebook page and ParentHub messages regularly.



### Attendance Winners

Our attendance cup winners for September are:

Week ending	Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception	Mrs Rawle/Miss Hadley
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Miss Swansborough	Mrs Leavesley
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 2	Mrs Reynolds-Lawrence

### Attendance update/information

Firstly, we would like to thank all parents who supported their child/children for making sure they attended regularly throughout 2024-25 – we finished the year with an attendance figure of 95.5% (the national average was 94.8%).

This year, our commitment to providing the best support for your children and families has led us to collaborate with an organisation known as Inclusive Attendance. Our new approach is rooted in an inclusive attendance model designed to ensure that everyone - our staff, families, and children - fully understands their individual roles and collective responsibilities in supporting school attendance, active engagement in learning, and addressing potential barriers.

To achieve this, we are introducing a Multi-Tiered System of Support, a tiered approach that caters to the unique needs of all children. It begins with our universal offer, progresses to Tier 2, which provides additional support for some children through early help services within the school, and finally, Tier 3, where we ensure that certain children and families have access to specialised resources if required.

Effective communication with all our families is central to our values at Straits. In light of this, we will report attendance based on the number of days missed. This will simplify the process, enhance communication, and help all children and families have a clear understanding of the impact of missed school days on education.

Another significant change we are implementing is moving away from a rewards-based system. Instead, we will adopt a recognition-based approach that allows us to be more inclusive and creative in acknowledging personal achievements and promoting the importance of regular school attendance among both our children and families.

### Year 6 Pioneer Centre



Our Year 6 pupils have returned from a fantastic week at the Pioneer Centre. They enjoyed a range of activities including the giant swing, raft building, high ropes, archery, Laser Tag, abseiling and a zip wire!

They were a well-behaved, enthusiastic group and were a credit to the school for their attitudes, conduct and willingness to have a go – well done!

<https://www.straitsprimaryschool.com/year-6/>



## Parking

I continue to have local residents contact me about parking outside of the school. Whilst we appreciate that there is limited space, could we all make a conscious effort to consider how and where we park. As a community, by all working together, we can make it safer for all our children. **At no time should any parent park on the yellow zigzags or block a local resident's driveway.**

I have also had parents raise concerns about a few adults who are using inappropriate language on the playground at the start and end of the day. Please can we all ensure that our language is appropriate for a primary school playground.

## School Leadership

We are busy electing our leadership positions for this year. This will include our Head Boy and Head Girl, School and Eco Councils, Prefects and House Captains.

## Upcoming Events

### October

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Bright for Sight Day
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	'Open the Door' Reception @ 2.00pm
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Kingswood trip
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Flu vaccinations
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	'Open the Door' Year 1 @ 9.00am
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Diwali Day
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Puppet Show
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 5 World War Two Day
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Parents' evening (3.50pm - 7.00pm)
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Digipix individual photos
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Parents' evening (3.50pm - 7.00pm)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	School Closed (teacher training day)
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Half-term

### November

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Back to school
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Lego Trip
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Supporting Pupil Behaviour workshop
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Anti-bullying week
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Selly Manor trip
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	World Diabetes Day
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need Day
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	'Open the Door' Year 3 @ 9.00am

## Key Information

### Digipix Individual pupil photos

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, Tempest will be attending the school to take your child's photograph. The company have informed us that they will take a group 'sibling' photograph for those families with more than one child in school and an individual photograph for each child. The 'proof' of your family/child's photograph will be sent home, and you can then order online with your completed order sent to school.

### Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings will be held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October from 3.50pm until 7.00pm. Bookings for this event are now live, and we ask that appointments are booked promptly. Discussions with your child's teacher will take place in their classroom (children are welcome to join you at this appointment) and Mr Freear and Mr Wade will be offering tea and coffee in the hall. They will be joined by the school nurse, our uniform supplier and there will be an opportunity to try samples of some of the hot meals – please pop in to say hello.