



# New York Newsletter

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Dear Parent/s and Guardians,

## Year 3 and 4 Sportshall Athletics (and Alfie Sidwells, Yr 2):

Yesterday we took the whole of Years 3 and 4 to the Sportshall Athletics tournament at Peter Paine Performance Centre in Boston. Seven other schools were taking part in our section with another eight in the afternoon heats. It was an excellent experience organised by the Boston Sports' Partnership. Please have a look at our website where you will see some clips of our children performing brilliantly.



## The "Critters" are back:

I do wholeheartedly apologise to those parents who check their children's hair regularly for head lice. Unless we all work together, the pests will keep returning and returning in a never ending cycle. Keeping our children clean is a basic parental responsibility, one that we all do with care and pride; it is a never ending task because they are children and we are adults, whose responsibility it is, because we chose to have them... I do have the best job in the world, but there is most definitely a dark side, and that is when I have to report parents who neglect their children. Our children come first... Thanks to all of you for your support and for placing our children first! **By working together, let us try to have a "Nit Free" school by Easter.**



## Attendance:

If a child of compulsory school age is registered at a school it is essential that they attend their school regularly and maintain a pattern of good attendance throughout their school career. Excellent attendance at school is important to allow a child or young person to fulfil their potential. Last year the attendance at New York was not so good at **93.43%**, the National average for primary schools was 96%. At Frithville the attendance was 97%. Children must also try to arrive at school on time, school starts at 8.45am and there are learning activities waiting for the children on their tables as soon as they enter the classroom.

Every single day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning. Attendance percentages can be misleading, Please see the reverse for an example. For some parents, 90% may seem like an acceptable level of attendance, but the reality is that 90% attendance means that your child will miss half a school day each week or 19 days of school during the school year – that's nearly 4 school weeks.

## A scary thought...

If a child's attendance is 90% each year from reception through to Yr11; that is 4 weeks x 12 years, which is 48 weeks missed – which is over a full year of the child's education!

## Headteacher Awards:

**Harley Denham**  
**Amelie Webb**  
**Paris Jackson**  
**Crystal Ablewhite**  
**Josh Sidwells**

Wonderful recount  
Sequencing a story  
Working extra hard in maths  
Perseverance in multiplication  
Times tables work

## House Point Winners:

### The Yellow Diamonds!

## Stars of the week:

Class 1 – Sunny Birks

Class 2 – Kaylum Denham

## Shining Stars:

**Aeryn Martin**  
**Dillon McCreight**  
**Mason Denham**  
**Veev Phillips**  
**Crystal Ablewhite**  
**Felicity Webb**  
**Ben Bridges**

Trying hard in all areas  
Trying hard in all areas  
Progress in all areas  
Progress in all areas  
Effort and progress in maths  
Working hard  
Beautifully presented work

## Dates for your diary:

18/01/18  
19/01/18  
09/02/18

Table tennis tournament  
PTFA meeting, 1.30pm NYPS  
End of Term 3

If your child's attendance is below 95% on the half term reports, then the attendance is unsatisfactory. If the attendance is below 90%, then parents will receive a letter asking for a meeting to discuss the matter. If this persists then we will asking the Education Welfare Officer to become involved.

100% Attendance	0 Days Missed	Excellent
95% Attendance	9 Days of Absence 1 Week and 4 Days of Learning Missed	Satisfactory
90% Attendance	19 Days of Absence 3 Weeks and 4 Days of Learning Missed	Poor
85% Attendance	28 Days of Absence 5 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed	Very Poor
80% Attendance	38 Days of Absence 7 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed	Unacceptable
75% Attendance	46 Days of Absence 9 Weeks and 1 Day of Learning Missed	Unacceptable

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