

### **Newsletter 16** Friday 11th January 2013



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# Happy New Year

Dear parents and carers,

We hope that you have all had enjoyable holidays and would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year.

### Lego Innovation

We had an exciting start to the term with whole Federation training using our new Lego Innovation Resources. We thought you might like a glimpse into a fun example of teacher training! (see photos below!)

#### **Big Writing**

Along with this newsletter you will find a booklet and letter about Big Writing which Miss Glenny has prepared, which explains the training the whole staff attended in the Autummn Term. Big writing is aimed at improving all children's writing and we are looking forward to starting throughout the school. More information will be given later.

### **French Week**

Next week all the children in school will be learning some French. Next Friday we will have French Breakfast and would like your child/children to dress in red, white and blue and bring 50p to go towards the cost of the food. Any parental help would be welcome.please talk to your child's teacher if you are interested in helping.

All parents and staff are welcome to our next PTA meeting on Tuesday 15th January at 6.30pm. Please come if you can.

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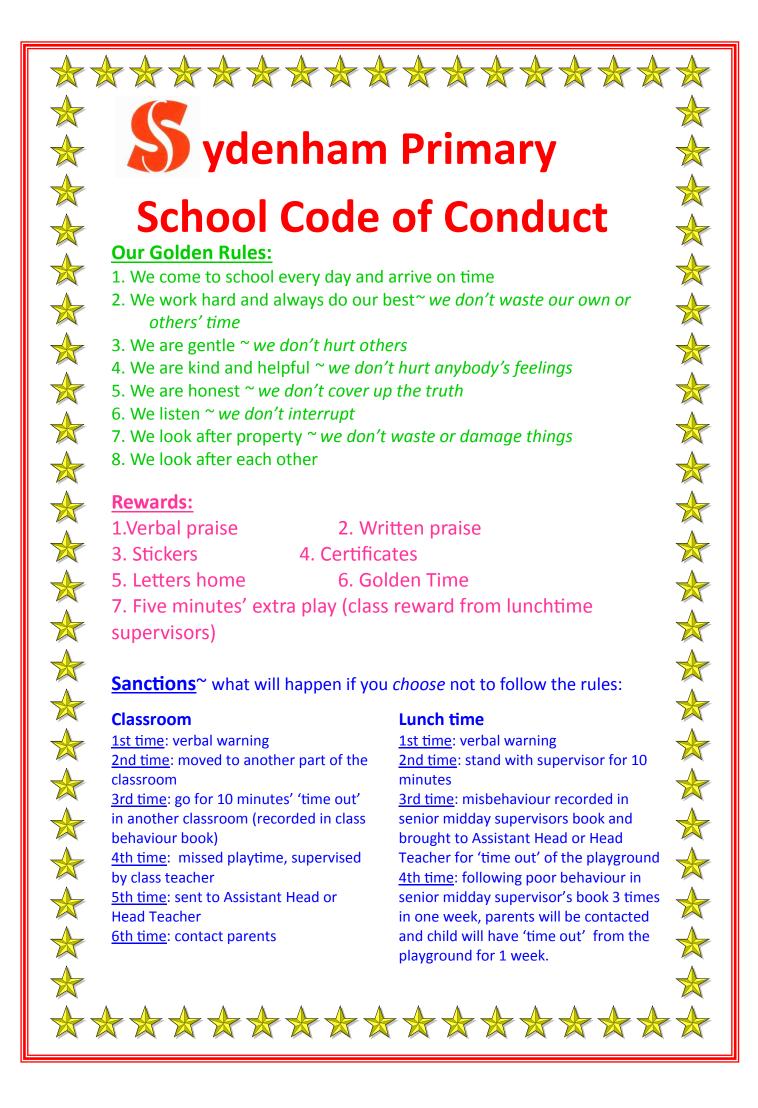














# Application for Leave of Absence for a School Pupil for an Annual Family Holiday



Some parents arrange family holidays during term time, which leads to problems for all concerned:

- Your child's education suffers
- Lessons and extra~curricular activities are missed
- Continuity of project work is lost
- There is often no opportunity for teachers to set additional work ot to assist a child in catching up on their return from holiday
- The class is generally disrupted, and other pupils suffer as a result
- You may be in breach of your legal obligation to send your child to school

There is a common misconception that any pupil is allowed to take 10 days holiday per academic year in term time. This is not strictly true. Parents are entitled to ask for leave of absence of up to 10 school days for an annual holiday, and this **may** be authorised by school. Only in exceptional circumstances can any more than 10 days be granted. The Department for Education (DfE) expects us to actively discourage all holidays in term time.

(School Attendance ~ Policy and Practice on Categorisation of Absence, Circular 10/99)

Any request for holiday absence in the same academic year will automatically be refused, save in *exceptional circumstances*.

### **Important Information for Parents and Carers:**

- There is no automatic right to absence for a family holiday.
  Authorisation will depend on current attendance record.
- Requests for leave of absence should be sent to the school no less than 6 weeks prior to the start of the holiday.
- Authorisation durng SATs (including mock exams) and in the first term of any new school placement is not likely to be granted.
- Any requests for extended leave, i.e. more than 10 school days, will result in an interview with the head teacher to look at options for ensuring continuity of education.
- A holiday request form MUST be completed by the parents / carers before requests will be considered.
- Unsatisfactory attendance levels will be referred to the Education Social Worker, and may lead to parents / carers incurring a penalty.

