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Attendance

Target Met								
GROUP	EYFS	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	SCHOOL
2015 – 2016	94.59%	94.47%	95.20%	96.21%	97.39%	97.63%	97.24%	96.56%
2016 – 2017	97.14%	96.73%	98.57%	99.81%	97.64%	94.67%	98.89%	97.37%
2017 - 2018	94.57%	95.99%	97.37%	91.97%	94.89%	94.57%	No longer available	95.33%

THE ATTENDANCE TARGET IS 97.5%

Happy New Year!

Welcome back, everyone! We hope that you all had a very enjoyable summer holiday and that you are looking forward to catching up with all your friends. We would like to extend a particularly warm welcome to our children starting in Reception and we hope that they will enjoy being a valued part of our school family for many years to come.

Physical Education

Our Sports Coach, Lauren Day will continue to deliver quality education in Games and Gymnastics on Monday and Tuesday afternoons working with each class in rotation. Each child will have two Physical Education Lessons each week. It would be very helpful if all PE kits could be in school for the whole week, taking them home to wash on Friday and returning to school on Monday if that is your wish. We cannot stress enough the importance of having **all clothing and footwear named** so that we can return things to their rightful owners. We do our best to encourage children to look after their own belongings from an early age, but this is something that a few children take a long time to learn; getting changed for PE and keeping an eye on their clothes is a huge challenge for them.

Teaching and Learning Arrangements

Teachers and teaching assistants will remain in the same classrooms as last year so Mrs Manders – Jones and Mrs Jones will be working with EYFS and KS1, Miss Williams and Mrs Oldham will be working with Years 3 and 4 and Mrs Sandalls and Mrs Russell will be working with years 5 and 6.

The class sizes are not even and so we would like to make sure that all children get the highest possible learning outcomes from this teaching and learning arrangement. With this in mind, we will be looking towards a few of the children in Year 2 who worked at greater depth in Year 1 having literacy and numeracy lessons with Miss Williams but enjoying all of the other age appropriate Year 2 experiences with their own class. Many children thrive in these circumstances as they rise to the challenge and this has a positive impact on their learning outcomes but we want to make sure that this will be the case for the children we have in mind. We will speak directly to the parents of the children concerned when we have completed a short trial period this week.

Report Feedback

Thank you to the families who returned the Report Feedback Forms. There were two main points raised. The first area was attendance. The data we are required to keep can only report whether a child was physically in school or not. If there are individual circumstances that affect attendance then families and the school are aware of them but these do not feature in the reported data. If we are challenged by Ofsted or the Local Authority then we have to explain individual circumstances and how the school is supporting families. Secondly, we were asked about ranking children in their year group in order of ability. We do not feel that this would help the self – esteem of the majority of children in each year group and so we will continue to focus on each individual child making progress against their own previous achievement.

Verbal Abuse of School Staff

Verbal abuse of school staff cannot be tolerated either in person or over the telephone. Unfortunately there has been an incident recently using expletives and name calling. Whilst we understand that sometimes people can become frustrated by school systems, school staff have to work within guidelines and follow procedures, many of which are imposed on us, in order to do their job. We hope that this will be an isolated incident and that everyone will speak to each other in a courteous and civil manner in future.

Polka Dots

Polka Dots will no longer be able to provide an after school club on a Wednesday. Steps are being taken to find a suitable replacement.