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Attendance

Target Met Term 2								
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%
Term 1	97.14%	96.73%	98.57%	99.81%	97.64%	94.67%	98.89%	97.37%
Week 1	88.89%	90.63%	100.0%	100.0%	97.73%	96.43%	90.38%	94.23%

THE ATTENDANCE TARGET IS 97.5%

Attendance

Attendance has fallen sharply this week as there are a few colds and a sickness bug going around. It is worth pointing out that although there is some ambiguity surrounding fixed penalty notices for unauthorised absence due to holidays taken in term time, absences below 90% are considered to be persistent and will attract the attention of the local authority and fixed penalty notices could still be issued. If Mrs Ecob asks for medical evidence to support an absence for illness, she is protecting everyone by making sure that we can prove the absence was genuine. It is unfortunate that all schools have to go to such lengths but this is the only way that procedures can be followed to prevent fixed penalty notices being issued unnecessarily. An absence of 5 days in any one term can trigger persistent absence, so occasional days off can soon become a problem. We do not want children to come to school if they are ill as they need to be healthy to learn, but if you are in any doubt, rest assured that if a child becomes ill during the day we will send them home.

Parents' Evening

Appointments have been allocated to all parents who returned an appointment slip. If you haven't done so, please contact Mrs Ecob or class teachers to make an appointment but please be aware that spaces are now limited and popular times are already filled.

Parents' Questionnaire

We are still very pleased with our Ofsted judgement of "Good" but that does not mean that we should stop trying to get better. There will be a questionnaire available at parents' evening so that you can provide us with feedback. We do listen to all points raised and make changes whenever it is possible to do so.

Remembrance Sunday

Anyone wishing to attend the Remembrance Sunday Service at the village church may like to know that this will take place on Sunday 13 November and we are asked to be there for 10.50am.

Outdoor Area and Deepings Round Table

As this newsletter is being written on Saturday morning, we are in school waiting for a team from Deepings Round Table to help us prepare the grounds for the next phase of our outdoor learning area. They are bringing heavy equipment that will make lighter work of the tasks in hand than a party of school volunteers wielding spades and shovels. We are very grateful for their help. They have also agreed to support the Outdoor Area with a share of the profits from their Race Night on 3 December, so we are thrilled to be able to move forward with our plans so that the outdoor area will be ready for use in 2017. The plan for this weekend is that the pond will be removed and the area flattened in preparation for a sensory garden and raised beds to grow vegetables. Anyone wishing to attend the Race Night in order to raise funds for the school and other local good causes can contact deepings1090@gmail.com for further information and to buy tickets.