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### Newsletter Monday 15 October 2018

#### Attendance

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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%
Week 1	100.0%	100.0%	97.50%	92.50%	100.0%	93.75%	96.88%	96.63%
Week 2	100.0%	100.0%	95.60%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	97.50%	98.80%
Week 3	100.0%	100.0%	96.00%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	99.23%
Week 4	91.43%	100.0%	98.00%	100.0%	96.00%	100.0%	97.67%	97.72%
Week 5	98.57%	95.00%	98.00%	100.0%	100.0%	98.75%	97.50%	98.46%
Week 6	97.14%	100.0%	100.0%	96.67%	100.0%	97.50%	93.33%	97.54%

**THE ATTENDANCE TARGET IS 97.5%**

#### Year 3 – Year 6 Handball Tournament

Two teams represented the school in the Handball Tournament and were accompanied by Mrs Sandalls and Miss Williams. The teams played well against some quite fierce competition at times, but did not receive medals or a trophy for this event. They win our praise for playing safely and fairly; their behaviour was a positive example to many other children present. We thank them all for taking part and look forward to the Throwing and Catching Tournament for younger children on Wednesday 5 December. That sounds very scary but it is only 7 weeks away!

#### Immunisations

We had to re-arrange the date as the team were held up at other schools and so they cancelled Wednesday 10 October. The team re – arranged their visit for Friday 12 October in the afternoon instead.

#### Funding for Schools

Lincolnshire County Council is part of a group called F40 which lobbies on behalf of the 40 lowest funded authorities in England. The F40 has agreed to collaborate with other school funding campaigners in certain circumstances, particularly the sharing of campaign activity information. Lincolnshire County Council has sent a letter for us to share with our parents and carers - it supports the general principle of fair funding and will be sent out by many schools across the country today. It is a sad fact that many of our decisions in school have to be based on financial restraints and so anything that can be done to make funding across the country fairer would seem to be a good thing. The letter has been reproduced in full on the back of the newsletter.

#### Rainbow Day Friday 19 October 2018

Year 6 children would like to raise money to refurbish our playtime play boxes with new equipment. We are going to hold a Rainbow day on **Friday 19 October** where children can wear a plain top of any colour in the rainbow in return for a donation towards the play equipment.

#### School Disco

There will be a school disco on **Thursday 18 October from 5.00 – 6.30 pm**. There will be an exciting mixture of dancing, competitions and games for children who wish to take part. Light refreshments including plenty of drinks will be served but children will need their proper tea at some point. Please complete the form below and put it in the Red Box with your £1.00 if you wish your child to take part.

SCHOOL DISCO INFORMATION	Thursday 18 October 5.00 – 6.30 pm
Name of Child/Children	
Name of adult collecting them	
Contact Telephone Numbers:	
£1.00 Enclosed	

Dear Parent/Carer

## **Update – School Funding Campaign**

Firstly, thank you for the huge support that you gave to Headteachers who campaigned for improved school funding at Westminster on Friday 28 September. Over 2000 head teachers attended in London with many more supporting their actions too.

It is clear from the emails that colleagues and I received, that parents overwhelmingly support the need for much improved investment in our schools. As soon as we receive a reply from the chancellor, we will let you know. I am sure everyone will watch with interest to see how he responds to our requests during the Autumn Statement (Budget) on Monday 29 October.

Following recent headlines, Headteachers across the country hope very much that the Government and the Department for Education, in particular, will stop providing parents and the wider public with misleading information about spending on schools. This week's scathing letter (see link below) to the Department of Education from the UK Statistics Authority underlines all of the points that Worth Less? have repeatedly stated to parents over the past three years.

[https://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/20181008\\_Sir\\_David\\_Norgrove\\_letter\\_to\\_SoS\\_for\\_Education.pdf](https://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/20181008_Sir_David_Norgrove_letter_to_SoS_for_Education.pdf)

***“I am sure you (The Department for Education) share my concerns that instances such as these do not help to promote trust and confidence in official data, and indeed risk undermining them.” Sir David Norgrove – Head of the UK Statistics Authority (8/10/18)***

Frankly, it is entirely wrong to suggest that Government spending on schools is much higher than in other comparable countries, when the Department for Education tries to include spending made by families on university tuition fees (loans to students) and independent (private) school fees. This adds billions of pounds to headline data but has absolutely no effect on funding received by schools. It is a completely unacceptable way of defending real term cuts.

The Department for Education must now work hard to rebuild trust and credibility. We hope that ministers will apologise unreservedly and put all of their efforts into investing adequately into school funding and supporting much improved recruitment and retention of teachers.

Parents have also asked how they can support the drive for improved funding. In light of this we are able to let you know that parent groups have lobbied parliament (10 October) and there will also be a national day of parental action on 19 October. For more information about 19 October, please search **#parentsteachersunite** on Twitter or Facebook.

We would again like to thank you for your support and confirm that our campaign will remain reasonable and determined with a single goal of ensuring that every school and pupil receive a much better deal in the near future.