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Attendance

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Term 4								
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 2016-2017	97.14%	96.73%	98.57%	99.81%	97.64%	94.67%	98.89%	97.37%
Term 2 2016-2017	95.37%	96.88%	98.61%	96.53%	95.08%	98.21%	97.97%	96.88%
Term 3 2016-2017	92.90%	92.72%	93.28%	94.83%	84.74%	95.97%	97.49%	93.31%
Term 4 2016-2017	95.50%	96.11%	89.86%	96.67%	85.83%	96.90%	96.28%	94.46%
Week 1	97.00%	94.00%	93.33%	96.67%	88.18%	100.0%	99.23%	96.00%
Week 2	88.00%	89.00%	93.33%	88.89%	84.55%	95.71%	98.46%	91.43%
Week 3	93.00%	98.89%	100.0%	100.0%	87.27%	95.71%	95.38%	95.07%
Week 4	97.00%	97.78%	94.74%	98.89%	80.77%	95.71%	90.77%	93.35%
Week 5	98.00%	97.78%	100.0%	95.56%	90.00%	95.71%	93.85%	95.36%
Week 6	100.0%	98.89%	70.00%	100.0%	85.14%	98.57%	100.0%	96.04%

THE ATTENDANCE TARGET IS 97.5%

Thought for the Week:

“Praise, like gold and diamonds, owes its value only to its scarcity.” Samuel Johnson

Attendance

There was a High Court ruling during the holiday which has made it very clear that the expectation is that children will attend school during term time. It is the parents/carers responsibility to ensure their children receives an adequate education under section 444 of the 1996 Education Act. Mrs Ecob is attending training with the Lincolnshire legal team this week and will be able to feedback how Lincolnshire County Council is planning to respond. As you are aware, the governors have taken the decision that all applications for authorised absence should be made to the Headteacher in advance and that each one will be considered individually. Absences can be authorised for EXCEPTIONAL circumstances only, which generally means a reason that is unlikely to be repeated. In general, holiday requests will not be authorised.

Parents will also need to be aware that attendance below 90.00% is considered to be persistent absence and this could also lead to a fixed penalty notice being issued. This is why Mrs Ecob is so thorough when it comes to collecting information regarding absences. If you have provided appropriate documentation for Mrs Ecob this can confirm that absences were through illness and this explains the low attendance.

Music Recital

All children were delighted by a recital from The Chapel Hill Duo on Friday 31 March who used classical stringed instruments to play music from modern pop and film genres. The smiles on the children’s faces demonstrated how fascinated they were to hear Ed Sheeran songs played on a cello and violin.

School Budgets

There has been a lot of news coverage about school budgets during the holiday with alarming tales of parents being asked to pay large amounts to keep schools going. There may be more money going into school budgets than ever before BUT the budgets are expected to pay for increasingly more things at a higher cost -as an example, just like all other employers schools have to make a contribution towards apprenticeships from April 1 2017 which is based on staffing costs – something that did not appear in last years’ budget. We are currently able to provide a good quality of education but we have to ask for parental contributions towards the transport for some learning that has to take place off site – such as swimming – and for any additional trips that enhance learning further. Contributions to school fund are always used to subsidise these costs wherever possible.