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### Newsletter Monday 22 May 2017

#### Attendance

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| Term 5           | 🌿      |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 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           | 97.50% | 100.0% | 91.67% | 98.61% | 90.00% | 94.64% | 98.08% | 96.14% |
| Week 2           | 99.00% | 100.0% | 83.33% | 100.0% | 96.67% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 98.66% |
| Week 3           | 98.75% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 97.22% | 98.21% | 95.19% | 98.13% |
| Week 4           | 94.00% | 100.0% | 86.67% | 100.0% | 98.89% | 89.29% | 100.0% | 96.12% |
| Week 5           | 98.00% | 95.56% | 100.0% | 97.78% | 96.74% | 100.0% | 92.31% | 96.88% |

**THE ATTENDANCE TARGET IS 97.5%**

#### Thought for the Week:

“There is no elevator to success. You have to take the stairs.” Author Unknown

#### OUTDOOR LEARNING AREA UPDATE

We are delighted to report that our Outdoor Shelter is now complete and has verbal Building Regulations Approval. There are just a few minor clearing up jobs and safety checks to be completed before we can use the shelter on a daily basis. We hope to welcome parents into school for an event very shortly so that you can see the benefits of this amazing resource – please look out for your invitation.

#### ADOPT A BOOK FOR SCHOOL

We have been reliably informed that eBay is by far the cheapest way to buy the books on our wish list. If you would like to contribute, we can send a list home so that you can mark off your purchase(s) to avoid duplication. Thank you to our generous donors so far.

#### ATTENDANCE

As we are now entering the peak time of year for holidays taken in school time, there are some important key facts to remember. The school has to administer procedures as directed by the local authority and there are potential legal consequences for parents/carers and schools if these are not followed. The key facts to remember are:

- Parents must make sure that their children attend school by law
- The expectation is that children will attend school 100% of the time
- Requests for leave of absence from school must be made **4 weeks in advance**
- Absence will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances on a case by case basis at the discretion of the headteacher
- There are no key words or phrases that would trigger authorisation
- Absences through illness will need to be evidenced
- If a child is absent for more than 4.5 days in any 6 week period this falls into the persistent absence category
- Fixed Penalty Notices will be issued for any unauthorised absence that exceeds the 4.5 day period.
- If there is more than one adult living in the home, then the fines could be per adult per child – which soon adds up.
- Fines are paid to the Local Authority and do not benefit the school in any way.
- No one can stop you taking your child out of school in term time but there are consequences if there is not a good reason to do so.

## **E SAFETY**

We have put some very useful information from Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board about different forms of social media used by many primary children out of school. There are details regarding privacy settings and advice regarding appropriate ages for each account – the suggested age for many of them is 13 years. In the press on Friday, Instagram was said to be the most damaging site for teenage children and yet primary children access it regularly. It is worth being aware that on this particular site, even with privacy settings profile page images are available to anyone with an Instagram account.

## **TEACHING AND LEARNING 2017 - 2018**

Small schools are very special places and provide many benefits to the children in their learning family. Sometimes, the numbers of children in year groups mean that we have to reconsider our teaching and learning arrangements so that everyone has a fair chance to learn. As we have year groups ranging in size from 3 to 14, there are times when changes have to be made.

If we leave classes as they are for September, Miss Williams would have a class of 12 children, and the other two classes would be 26 and 24. It does not make good educational sense to have the youngest children - who need the most space for practical activities and arguably more adult time until they learn independence - in the largest class.

Therefore, we have chosen an arrangement that we have used before so that the class sizes are 16, 22 and 24. EYFS and Y1 will be taught by Mrs Manders – Jones; Years 2, 3 and 4 will be taught by Miss Williams and Years 5 and 6 will be taught by Mrs Sandalls. In order to ensure a smooth transition from one class to another, teaching assistants will move up with the children. As we are not prepared to donate Mrs Jones to a nearby secondary school, she will be working with Mrs Manders – Jones in EYFS/Year 1. Just to confirm the other new arrangements, Mrs Oldham will be working with Miss Williams and Mrs Russell with Mrs Sandalls.

We believe that this will make the best of the resources that are available to us next year and will ensure that we are able to provide a good quality of education to all our learning family.

## **END OF TERM 5**

The children will break up on Friday 26 May for one week. We will return for the final term of the year on Monday 5 June. We hope that you all get to enjoy some quality family time and the weather is kind for any outings that you have planned.