

# Attendance Newsletter

## Pentecost Term Information



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We would like to thank all of you for your continued support with raising attendance at our school. We are above the national average but still a little way of the target the DFE expect of 96% at present we have attendance of 95.4%

### Thank you

We would like to thank all the parents who call or email the office when their child is absent. This saves the office staff a lot of time having to make phone calls and chasing up why a child is absent. Please do not send the teacher a message on dojo about a child being absent as these are not always picked up. If we do not hear from you and you do not answer our call then the Education Officer will make a visit to your home.



### Holidays/other occasions

If you are planning to take your child out of school for any other reason than a medical appointment, please ask the office for a leave of absence form. As a school we are unable to authorise holidays taken in term time and if a holiday is taken there could be a penalty notice issued. At present the fine is £60 per parent/per child. This is due to go up to £80 from September 2024.

Since September 2023 there has been 243 days of Education lost to holidays and 14 penalty notices have been issued from the Local Authority. With your help we would like to reduce these figures for the 2024 -2025 school year.

### Well done to our children

Our overall school attendance for this year so far is 94.88% and 95.49% for compulsory aged children. This is above the national attendance figures. At the end of term we will be giving out many certificates and prizes for 100% attendance. The children who had over 97% attendance also received a certificate. We know sometimes medical appointments etc cannot be taken out of school time so the children who miss very little time still deserve a reward. Children who have 100% attendance for the year will received a prize.

## Late Arrivals

Since returning after the Easter Break we have had 195 occasions of children arriving late in the Lent term resulting in **49** hours of lost learning time. Please try to ensure your child arrives at school before 8.55; this is when the playground gate is locked. Arriving before this time means your child has time to take their coat, lunchbox etc and be settled in class for 9 o'clock when the register is taken and the lesson starts. It can be very upsetting for children having to walk into class when a lesson has already started especially when they miss the teacher's input and then have to struggle to catch up for the rest of the lesson.



From September if your child is late one three occasions you will receive a letter and if your child continues to be late then you will be asked to attend a meeting with Mr O'Connor.

## Best Class Attendance for Pentecost Term

<u>Week</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
WB 15/04/2024	Year 2	99.67%
WB 22/04/2024	Year 4	98.33%
WB 29/04/2024	Year 2	98.33%
WB 06/05/2024	Year 4	100%
WB 13/05/2024	Year 6	99.7%
WB 20/05/2024	Nursery	97.2%
WB 03/06/2024	Year 1	100%
WB 10/06/2024	Year 6	97%
WB 17/06/2024	Year 1	97.5%
WB 24/06/2024	Year 1	98.3%
WB 01/07/2024	Year 2 and Year 4	96.7%
WB 08/07/2024	Year 2	99.3%



Have a great summer. We are back on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September.