



## Attendance Matters Newsletter

Hello and welcome to the first issue of the Attendance Matters Newsletter. As part of our attendance strategy to improve and promote attendance we have launched an Attendance Newsletter. The aim of this newsletter is to:

- Continue to raise awareness of the importance of good attendance
- Inform parents/carers of the schools policies and procedures
- Inform parents/carers/carers of the schools current attendance figure
- Provide helpful tips on getting your child to school on time
- Promote the rewards for pupils who attend every day and on time

This newsletter will be issued monthly to all parents - We hope you will find this helpful and informative.

### Whole School Attendance

September

**Whole School: 89.6%**

**Year 2: 88.2%**

**Year 1: 90.6%**

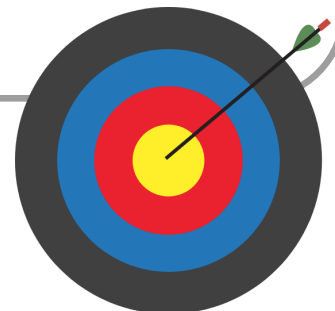
**Reception: 89.8%**

**Nursery: 89.7%**

**Challenge:** Can we get attendance to 93% by the end of next month?

### Attendance Target

Our target is 96%- but we are a long way off reaching our target. The Department for Education tracks attendance carefully and judgements on how well a school is doing is partially based on whole school attendance. The national average is 96.7%. We need your help to improve attendance for our school. You can help by coming to school every day and on time.



### Reporting Absence

**It is a parent/carer's responsibility to notify school by 9am if their child is absent. A reason must be provided**

# 100% Attendance Bears



## Attendance Bears

### Can you collect them all?

This academic year we have purchased some very special attendance bears as a special treat for our pupils who have 100% each term. We have 3 bears to collect:

- Autumn Bear
- Spring Lion
- Summer Monkey



# Movie Day Attendance Treat

## Congratulations!!

A Big congratulations to all the pupils who had 96% or better attendance for the last half term. As a special reward they will be participating in Movie afternoon where they will come to watch a movie in the hall, with hotdogs and snacks. This terms movie will be Despicable Me. Next half terms treat for our amazing attendance stars will be the attendance disco. Please ensure you child is able to attend the disco by making sure they have 96% or better attendance for the next half term.

**You are Attendance Superstars!**



# MOVIE DAY



# Spotlight on Punctuality

**Punctuality** It is important that your child attends school every day and on time. Arriving late to school is unsettling for children and disrupts the start to their day. Did you know? 10 minutes late every day = 33 hours lost learning each year!!

**Routines** The easiest way to ensure your child attends school on time every day is to establish a **GOOD EVENING AND MORNING ROUTINE**. If mornings are hectic in your household, prepare as much as possible the night before. The school day starts at 8.40am. The teachers are waiting on the playground for their class from 8.30am. The pupil entrance gates close at 8.45am to parents bringing their child to school. Please ensure your child is in school before the registers close. If your child arrives after this time, then you **MUST** take your child to the Main Office to sign them in late. These late procedures are in place so that every child is entered onto the register correctly and can be accounted for in the event of an emergency. This is to ensure the Health and safety of **YOUR** child, so please make sure that these procedures are followed at all times.

Tips to help you get to school on time everyday. □

Make sure your child understands why school is important □ Show your child that you are interested in what they have done at school □ Get everything ready the night before school □ Arrange appointments before or after school or during the schools holidays □ Set your alarm and your child's alarm clock, see who can beat the clock! □ Join breakfast club □ Catch an earlier bus or set off a little bit earlier if you walk

