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'I came to give life. Life in all its fullness'

John 10:10

Friday 29th April 2022

This half term our Christian value that we have been exploring is:

FORGIVENESS

Ethos Award - Forgiveness

Reception – Aliyaa
Year 1 – Bodhi
Year 2 – Kyle
Year 3 – Eli
Year 4 – Jalal
Year 5 – Lucian
Year 6 – Anaya

Attendance Awards

Whole School – 95%

Class Awards – Year 4

Best Timekeeping – Year 2

Writers of the week

Reception – Arthur
Year 1 – Samuel
Year 2 – Connor
Year 3 - Lacey
Year 4 – Alisha
Year 5 - Isaac
Year 6 – Eshan

Polite reminder – Dogs

Please can I remind all parents, carers and family members that dogs are not allowed on the school premises under any circumstances. Thank you for your support and co-operation on this matter.

Year 3 and 4 Inter-school cricket competition

Well done to all of the children who competed in the Year 3 and 4 cricket tournament this week. As a school I was very proud of the effort and progress you made during the matches. As always the children's sportsmanship was exemplary.

Year 6 SATs timetable

Please find below the dates and times of the Year 6 SATs that are taking place in May 2022.

Monday 9th May – Grammar and Spelling test

Tuesday 10th May – Reading test

Wednesday 11th May – Maths Paper 1 and Paper 2

Thursday 12th May – Maths Paper 3

Year 4 Parents Evening

The Year 4 parents evening has now been rearranged for Thursday 5th May. Please make sure you return your booking form where we will then allocate a time slot for you.

Attendance Policy reminder

At St Mary's CE Primary School we know that good attendance is the key to successful schooling and we believe our pupils can be amongst the best.

Although we aim for 100% attendance, each year we set a target for attendance & this is used to compare us to other schools nationally. Our current **target is 96%** attendance.

Attending school every day will help give your child the best possible start in life.

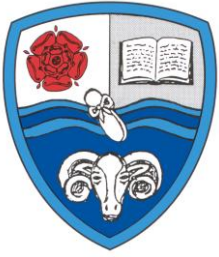
Going to school every day means:

- learning new skills
- making friends
- having lots of fun
- building lasting relationships
- taking part in exciting activities

You can help us to help your child by encouraging regular school attendance.

Regular attendance helps children to develop their confidence and to make and keep lasting friendships.

Your child's education is very important; attendance habits established in the foundation years of education can affect their entire school life.



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Key attendance facts

- **90% attendance is equivalent to missing 100 hour long lessons.**
- **If you take your child on a 2 week holiday in term time, attendance for the year immediately drops to 95%.**
- **90% attendance means 1/2 a days absence each week; 4 weeks over the year & half a years absence over 5 years.**
- **90% attendance is equivalent to a full month off school in a year.**

**PLEASE THINK CAREFULLY
BEFORE TAKING YOUR CHILD OUT OF SCHOOL
DURING TERM TIME**

In law you **must** ask for permission for your children to miss school.

Leave in term time **will only be agreed where the Headteacher feels there are exceptional circumstances.** Also, it is possible that leave **will not be agreed** when attendance already includes **unauthorised absence** and/or attendance is already causing concern.

You can request "leave in term time" for your child using a request form available at the School Office.

Parents who take a child of compulsory school age on holiday without permission from the school may be issued with a **penalty notice**.

TO HELP YOUR CHILD DO WELL IN SCHOOL, YOU SHOULD:

Arrange family holidays to coincide with school holidays

Never take your child out of school when there are important examinations or tests

Be aware of the potential impact on your child's education

Avoid taking your child out of school when they are just starting. This is very important as your child needs to settle into their new environment as quickly as possible.

ATTENDANCE POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Pupil attendance will be closely monitored. The Headteacher & school office will check pupil attendance percentages regularly to see if action is required.

First Response calls will be made daily if a child does not attend school.

Ensuring your child's regular attendance at school is **your legal responsibility**.

If attendance drops to 90% pupils are identified as 'Persistent Absentees'. A formal letter will be issued to parents/carers about their child's attendance record.

A pupil becomes a '**persistent absentee**' when they miss **10% or more** schooling across the school year **for whatever reason**.

All PA cases are also automatically made known to the Local Authority Attendance Team. PA cases will be closely monitored to see if further action is required.

Attendance Officers can use sanctions such as **Penalty Notices or prosecutions** in the Magistrates Court.

Taking leave in term time will affect your child's schooling as much as any other absence and we expect parents to help us by not to take children away in school time.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Aim for 10 hours sleep a night for your child. This will make the following day at school easier for them to cope with.

Make sure your child eats breakfast, it helps them stay alert at school.

Help your child develop routines.

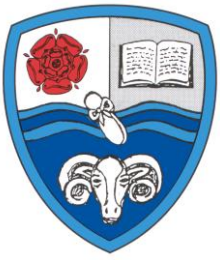
Get their school bag ready the night before.

Develop a night time routine that involves checking their homework, reading & bed.

Try & make sure that any medical/dental appointments are made for after school.

Never take holidays in term time.

If your child is ill, ring the school as soon as possible on the first day of absence.



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