



FLORENCE MELLY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

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Attendance Update for Parents/Carers

Attend School, Arrive On Time, Every Day!

Friday 28th June 2024

Dear parents/carers

Leaders and I have been discussing and reviewing our attendance over the last couple of days and I'd like to update you/draw your attention to a couple of initiatives we will be running between now and the end of the academic year to improve pupil attendance and get our children into school as often as physically possible!

We will be holding a few competitions for pupils and parents/carers to get involved in to encourage and promote high rates of attendance - we would really love your support with this.

Tomorrow morning, Mrs Sainsbury and I will be leading an assembly all about the importance of attendance and talking to the children about our attendance initiatives - between now and the Summer holidays and our exciting new attendance strategy from September.

Here are the **initiatives for the children** which we will be running between now and the Summer holidays:

- Our exceptional attendees (for the whole academic year) will be rewarded with a fabulous trip out of school, with lots of treats, with Mr Leach. These will be announced in Friday's assembly.
- The class with the best weekly attendance will receive a movie afternoon with popcorn and treats. There are three weeks left, so three movie afternoons are up for grabs!
- Every class that reaches our weekly 97% target for attendance will receive an extra playtime.
- Every child that has a weekly attendance of 97% or above, will have their name thrown into the hat for a chance of winning an Amazon voucher. There will be a winner in each phase - an EYFS winner, a KS1 winner, a Lower Key Stage 2 winner and an Upper Key Stage 2 winner - every week. These will be announced in our assemblies. There are three weeks left, so the children have three chances of winning. But remember, they need to be in school 97%-100% of the time!
- There will be a super-duper, one off AMAZING prize for one child who attends school 97%-100% of the time for the last three weeks of the year! This will be announced on the last day!

Don't forget, every day that your child attends school they also receive a Dojo point and 5 extra points if they attend all week - that's a whopping 10 points, just for coming into school. The children will be able to cash in their Dojo points for exciting prizes, the last week of the term.

Here are the **initiatives for the parents/carers** which we will be running between now and the Summer holidays:

- Every parent/carer that has ensured that their child has attended school between 97%-100% of the academic year will be added to a draw for an annual pass to Chester



Zoo or Knowsley Safari Park (for 2 adults and 2 children). This will be video recorded and posted to our social media platforms!

- Every parent/carer that ensures that their child meets the 97% weekly attendance target will be entered into a draw for a £50 Just Eat voucher. There are three weeks left, so three chances to win a voucher before the Summer holidays.

We are really excited about these initiatives and about our new attendance strategy for September - this is littered with amazing prizes, awards and rewards for the children and their families. More details will be sent out shortly.

The aim of this is to get our children to **Attend School, Arrive On Time, Every Day!** This needs to be a real team effort - everyone playing their part in encouraging the children to attend every day! A strong whole-school approach. School and parents working together!

We know that sometimes our pupils cannot come to school because they are really unwell. On these occasions, that's the right thing to do - both for them and others. Medical advice is clear however, that children with mild illness will often be well enough to attend - for example if they have a cough, or cold, without a temperature. The NHS guidance 'Is my child too ill for school?' is designed to support parents/carers in their decision making about mild illness. You can access this by clicking the following link: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

I really appreciate your support with this and look forward to seeing your child in school as often as physically possible.

Take care and have a lovely weekend.

Mr Leach
Headteacher



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