

Dear Parents/Carers,

Due to your support, whole school attendance has **increased from 93% to 94%**, a huge thank you for working with the school! Please remember, the government required percentage is **96%** therefore please keep working on your child's attendance in the summer term. If your child's attendance is below **96%** then they are falling behind on the requirement from the government on school attendance which will have a significant impact on their learning in school. Please be aware that any child with attendance under **90%** is considered as a persistent absentee and school will be working with you to monitor their attendance in the next half term and putting steps in line with our persistent absentee procedures from the school attendance policy.

Missing days from school will result in your child falling behind in their learning as lessons build on what children already know and missing one day will make tomorrow's lesson more difficult. One day could be as many as 6 missed lessons, as well as time spent with friends and doing extra-curricular activities. You can support your child's physical, social and mental wellbeing by ensuring they are in school every day. Absences can also have a negative impact on your child's behaviour in school.

We know it can be difficult to know whether your child is too ill to attend school. NHS guidance is clear that it is fine to send them in with a minor cough or common cold, provided they don't have a temperature.

We have a number of initiatives to promote good attendance and continue to celebrate individual attendance achievements with our half-termly attendance raffles.

Winners for our 100% weekly attendance raffle this half term are as follows:

Reception – Dhriti Balaji - Butterworth
Year 1 – Aneyah Armstrong – 1 Hargreaves
Year 2 – Noah Duncan – 2 Bond
Year 3 – Olivia-Mae Cody-Dent – 3 Child
Year 4 – Samir Javeed – 4 Lewis
Year 5 – Esmae Willcox – 5 Benjamin
Year 6 – Cassy Dalton – 6 Shakespeare

Winners for our 100% half term attendance (children who came to school every day this half term) raffle are as follows:

Reception – Jannat Khan - Butterworth
Year 1 – Jessica Tiga – 1 Waddell
Year 2 – Zayaan Bin Touqeer – 2 Briggs
Year 3 – Venkata Prem Achyuth Puvvai - 3 McNaughton
Year 4 – Fatima Farah – 4 Dahl
Year 5 – Gabriel Gawlowski – 5 Pratchett
Year 6 – Malick Bah – 6 Shakespeare

Well done to all our winners! Remember if your child has 100% attendance in Summer term 1, they have a chance of winning next time.

Attending school every day can help your child to achieve their aspirations, and the aspirations you have for them. Please support the school in improving your child's school attendance after half term. Thank you for your continued support!

We look forward to welcoming children back to school on Tuesday 16th April 2024 between 8.30 – 8.45am.

Wishing all our families a restful Easter break. Please stay safe and take care.