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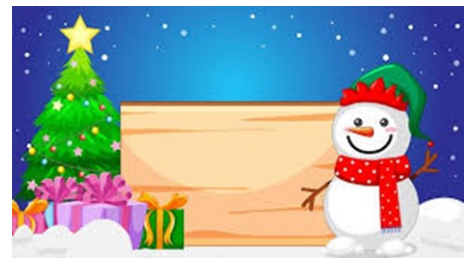
Only my best is good enough for me



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School Attendance Matters (SAM) Newsletter—Autumn 2 - December 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,



Already, we're fast approaching the end of the autumn term and Christmas activities are in full swing. It was a lovely treat to have the theatre company come to visit and perform Snow White; our pupils thoroughly love it. The attendance and punctuality competition was warmly received and we will look forward to more competitions in the future. I know that seasonal illnesses have arrived but please consider carefully whether symptoms are serious enough to take time off school. We have lots of fun activities taking place, it would be a shame for pupils to miss them.

Attendance & Punctuality Competition

Our attendance and punctuality competition was launched in the autumn term to encourage pupils to think about what coming to school and being on time meant to them. Pupils were asked to create a poem, picture or poster inspired by the Rise & Shine poem sent out in October. There was definitely a stir around school as pupils were excited by the prizes on offer and the ideas that they could create. Mrs Holgate and I were thrilled to receive over 50 entries from across Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. After long consideration, we were delighted to announce that the **1st place winner was Mohammed Ali from Kingfishers who was awarded two tickets to Jump Works Trampoline Park in Accrington. The second place winner was Hud from Wagtails who was awarded £25 worth of cinema tickets. There were so many amazing entries that we awarded four third place prizes. Ayana from Jays who was awarded widgets and squishes, Joud from Wagtails a toy car, Amina from Skylarks fidget toys and Ruhab from Lapwings an art set. Each participant received a Freddo chocolate too.**



Setting a good example for pupils

Please could parents and carers arrive for assemblies on time. It is very unsettling for our pupils when parents are late, which creates upset among those who don't think their parent is attending.



Breakfast Club

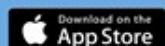
If you can't be on time, be early!

Breakfast Club is available **from 7.45am** for £1 per pupil per day and free of charge for Free School Meals pupils. **Go Noodle exercise** session **starts at 8.20am** and is free of charge. Make Breakfast Club or Go Noodle your early choice, even if it's just for a short time while you re-tune work and home life. Book in at the School Office.



Download the Studybugs app for reporting your child's absence.

A quick and secure way to report absence due to illness and send messages to school.



Studybugs 

Autumn Term 100% attendance

A fabulous 117 pupils are achieving 100% this term. Well done and keep it up!

What is the difference between Universal Free School Meals and Free School Meals

Universal Free School Meals are state funded meals for pupils in EYFS, Year 1 & Year 2 that are not eligible to benefit related Free School Meals. Parents do not need to complete forms, parents just need to inform school that they would like their child have meal at the end of one week for the start of the next week.

Benefit related **Free School Meals** are for those pupils that are eligible. Parents can access this benefit by completing the FSM form online at www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/.

Parents should consider applying for benefit related Free School Meals as it means that your child could have a free meal through their school life. Also, school will receive Pupil Premium, money to help your child achieve their best at school.

Free School Meals



Are you entitled?

Keeping healthy & promoting recovery

Did you know that vitamin D is key to keeping our immune systems healthy. We can get it directly from the sun between April and September. However, it is more difficult to get Vitamin D in the UK in the autumn and winter months as there are fewer sunnier days. You can also get Vitamin D from a range of food including oily fish like salmon and sardines, red meat, egg yolks and fortified cereals. Keeping healthy means pupils can achieve better attendance.



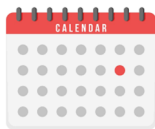
Reporting the register to the government

As of September, school has a legal duty to share its daily attendance with the government so that trends can be spotted and pupils can be identified for support in order to improve attendance.

Christmas Holidays

School is closed from Monday 23rd December 2024 to Friday 3rd January 2025 for the Christmas holidays.

School will re-open on Monday 6th January 2025 at 8.35am.



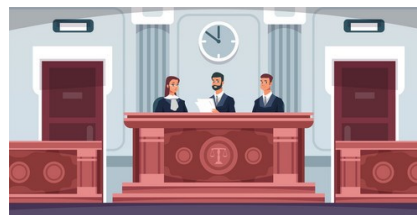
Leave in Term Time Information

- Mrs Holgate is the only person who can give authorised Leave in Term Time.
- After reviewing the facts, Mrs Holgate will decide if the circumstances are exceptional.
- School does not allow any days to be taken for Leave in Term Time.
- Completing a form and having a meeting with Mrs Holgate or Mr Cooper does not automatically mean that they give permission to take Leave in Term Time.
- From 1st January 2025, all Lancashire schools will be able to prosecute parents who take excessive leave of 15 schools days.
- If parents are not truthful about a pupil being absent through Studybugs or by telephone, your child maybe referred to Children Missing in Education, risk losing their school place and parent could still be prosecuted.
- If an absence is not reported daily as per School Attendance Policy, your child will receive an unauthorised mark which may trigger a penalty notice in the future.
- If parents do not pay a fine, the fine will become a prosecution and you will have to attend court which may result in higher level fines or sentencing.



New Statutory Penalties

from 17th August 2024



- **First penalty notice** will rise to £160 per parent per child, which will be reduced to £80 per parent per child if paid within 21 days.
- **Second penalty notice** to be issued to the same parent for the same child will be charged at £160 per parent per child if paid within 28 days. To be paid in full.
- **Third penalty notice** cannot be raised to the same parent for the same child within 3 years of the first date of issue and so will result in action, legal intervention or prosecution.
- **Excessive Leave** of 15 days or longer will result in prosecution with no fine.

The impact of attendance on achievement

There are 52 pupils whose attendance is less than **90%**, which is classed by the government as **Persistent Absence**. Did you know that there is a direct link between pupils' school attendance and pupils' achievement. The more that pupils attend school, the more they achieve. Among pupils with no missed sessions over KS2, 83.9% achieved the expected standard compared to 40.2% of pupils who were persistently absent. This means that they are half as likely to achieve the expected standard if your attendance is 90% or lower.



School Calendar for 2024-25

Green Days school is closed for INSET (training) days

Blue Days are when school is closed for school holidays

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