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Welcome Back!

I hope everyone had a lovely half term. It is great to be back. The children have returned with a renewed vigour and are enjoying their topics.

Parents Consultation Evenings

A reminder that our parents' consultation evenings are scheduled for 8/11/2022 and 16/11/2022. You will need to complete your data collection forms and there is a parent questionnaire to complete too.

Sport

I was so impressed to see the Y4/5/6 girls enjoying and competing in the girls' football tournament. They came a magnificent 1st place and have made it to the finals which will take place at South Hunsley. Well done girls!!



School Council Representatives

Well done to all of the children who took part in the school council elections. I am pleased to announce the new student councilors for this academic year are:

Class 1 - Ernest & Olivia

Class 2 - Jemima & Oliver

Class 3 - Harry and Faye

Class 4 - Lucy & Georgia

Class 5 - Lacey & Noah

Behaviour and Attitudes

In recent weeks, there have sadly been pockets of behaviour that have not been up to the standard that we pride ourselves on here at Pollington-Balne. This has included manners, learning behaviours in the classroom; and unkind behaviour between some children.

We deal with all incidents individually, on a case by case basis and as a school

community we are working hard to address this so that we can once again feel proud of the behaviour and attitudes of everyone in school, ensuring that we have the safe, nurturing, Christian environment and ethos that we promote.

Learning Behaviour

We believe that every child in our care should reach their potential. We guide them towards this with a focus on developing the whole child, not just academic. We ensure that children are exposed to strategies such as metacognition whereby they can make links to prior learning and build on these, encouraging them to ask 'Big Questions'. We also encourage the children to become independent learners, where they must take responsibility for their own learning. This includes being prepared for lessons and having the correct equipment as well as completing homework that is set. It is our expectation that children are active learners.

Behaviour in School

We have high expectations for behaviour and we regularly revisit our 3 'R' rules. Respect 1-2-3 as well as our 'Debugging Rules.' Each class has a charter with principles for learning and behaviour. In PSHE, we learn about relationships and how we should treat each other. It would be really helpful if you as parents and carers could reinforce these expectations at home and encourage your children to report any concerns to a member of staff in school as they arise before the end of the day. We have heard instances where children are encouraged to 'hit back' which I am sure you will appreciate we cannot condone.

Odd Socks Day

This year's Anti Bullying theme is 'Reach Out' encouraging everyone to come together and reach out to others to stop bullying, and on Monday 14th November we will be launching this campaign in school by taking part in 'Odd Socks Day'. Please send your children to school wearing odd socks. There is no charge for this event.

How we are addressing negative behaviour issues in school

Each class is having weekly PSHE / circle time sessions around acceptable behaviour, rules, and relationships. We have increased supervision at playtime and are providing structured activities to promote sharing and teamwork. Worship / assembly time is also used to address this and anti-bullying; our Christian value this half term is 'Trust'. We are having regular involvement from the local authority Behaviour Support Team and further Attachment training has been booked for the new year. We focus on positive discipline and our celebration assemblies on a Friday often pick out children who have demonstrated kindness, good manners and good behaviour. We are currently reviewing our behaviour policy.

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

Open Day

We will be holding an open day for prospective parents and Reception Class new starters from 1-4:30pm on 24/11/2022. There will be time to look round school, chat with staff and refreshments will be provided.

Attendance

As a school we have set a target of 97% attendance over the year. Recently, we have seen a larger number of families requesting term time holidays. These can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances and with documented evidence to support the request. Did you know that reduced attendance in school can adversely affect your child's life chances? Please see page two for more details.

Thank you for your continuing support.
Kind regards,

Katherine Rawes
Head teacher



Respect Trust Forgiveness

Attendance

365 days in a Year 190 in school 175 for family time/holidays etc

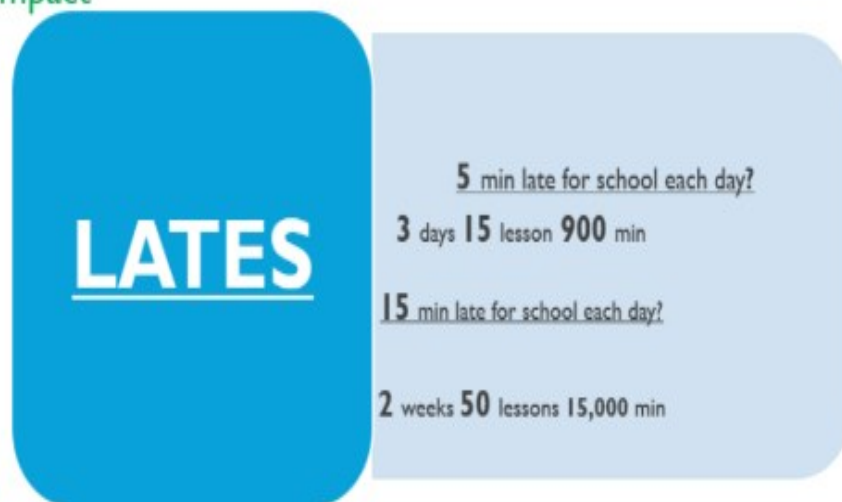
90% Great in a TEST Not so good in ATTENDANCE

What impact does 90% or lower attendance have on a child's education?

90% 19 days absence – 4 weeks missed – 95 subject lessons
(Based on 5 subjects per day)

85% 29 days – 5.4 weeks missed – 145 subject lessons
(children can not keep) (What we know)

Small changes to the way we address attendance can have a massive impact



Dates for your diary

New items are in red

13/11 - Memorial Service
14/11 - Odd Socks Day
18/11 - Non uniform Children in Need
18/11 - Vision screening EYFS
9/12 - Christmas Jumper Day
13/12 - School Panto
14/12 KS2 Party
15/12 - Christmas Dinner
15/12 - 3KS1 / EYFS party
2/1/23 - Bank Holiday
3/1/23 - Training Day

Attendance to date: 94.43%
Unauthorised absences: 1.66%
Authorised absences: 3.91%



Reminders

- ✓ Don't play on equipment before / after school
- ✓ Odd Socks Day 14/11/2022
- ✓ Parents' Evenings 8 & 16/11
- ✓ Open Day 24/11/2022