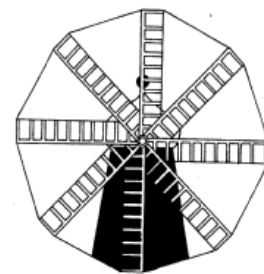


Heckington St Andrew's Church of England Primary School Newsletter



20th September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

A reminder that clubs have started this week. We still have some spaces available in some of the clubs, so please come to the office to sign up if your child would still like to attend.

On 28th September, we will be hosting a MacMillan coffee morning between 9.00 and 10.00 a.m. We would love you to pop in and join us for a cup of tea or coffee and a cake to help raise money for this worthy cause. We would also like the children to take part in the coffee morning and each class will be coming into the hall to share in a cup of juice and a cake. We are therefore asking for a 50p donation which will go to MacMillan. We would also be grateful for any donations of cakes for our coffee morning if there are any keen bakers out there!

In the afternoon of 28th September we will also be celebrating our harvest festival at St. Andrew's Church at 2.00 p.m. We will be collecting donations for the New Life Community Larder and they are particularly looking for tinned produce (e.g. potatoes and vegetables, ravioli, fruit, pasta, meat etc.) and soup, cereal, jam, biscuits, tea and coffee. All items must be "in date" as produce past its sell by date cannot be used. Please bring any contributions to school on the morning of 28th September. Each class is busy preparing for our service and we do hope you will be able to come and join us.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Bentley

Attendance Award

For week commencing 13th September, the attendance award goes to Oak Class- Well Done!

Request for Materials

Can you spare any junk modelling material? **Oak, Hazel and Rowan** Classes are looking for any spare material by Tuesday 25th Sept.

Willow Class would also appreciate any magazine cuttings of Fruit and Vegetables for their art class. Thank you.

Diary Dates

21 Sept—11+ Paper 2
25 Sept—Full Governors Meeting
28 Sept—Harvest Festival (more info to follow)
28 Sept- MacMillan Coffee Morning
11 Jan- Young Voices Concert

School Disco - This Friday (21st!)



Don't forget the PTFA are holding a disco this Friday!

Entry is £2.50 each

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 the Disco is 5pm-6pm

Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) the Disco is 6.15pm-7:15pm

Payments

Term 1 Instrument Lessons
Term 1 and 2 ColourStrings
are due, please take your payment to the School Office by Wednesday 26th if you haven't already. Thank you.



Flu Vaccinations

A letter was posted on Parent Hub from the NHS to advise consent must be completed online for this year's Flu Vaccinations (26th November). A hard copy of this letter is available from School Office.

Attendance at school every possible day is very important!

We expect our pupils to attend school every possible day that they can. Missing a day from the school term can impact in many ways. Our school believes that only by attending school regularly and punctually will children and young people be able to take full advantage of the educational opportunities available to them. High standards of attainment and achievement depend on good attendance.

The whole school community - students, parents and carers, teaching and support staff and school governors - have a responsibility for ensuring good school attendance and have important roles to play.

Absence and punctuality

Children are expected to attend school every day unless they are ill or have to attend an appointment which cannot take place out of school time.

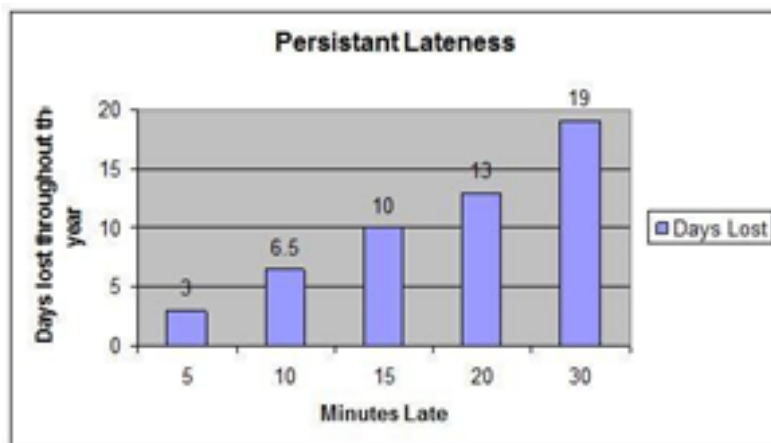
An appropriate reason for absence must be given and both authorised and unauthorised absences will be recorded on end of year reports.

Leave of absence during term time will only be granted in exceptional circumstances and requests must be made, in advance, to the Head Teacher using the forms available from the office. Please do not take your children out of school unless it is absolutely necessary as disruptions to time in school mean your child misses vital learning opportunities. Sometimes it could be a vital part of the building blocks your child needs to access further learning.

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| 365 DAYS IN EACH YEAR | 175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR | | 175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments | | | |
| | 190 SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR 190 days for your child's education | 5 days absence | | | | |
| | | 185 DAYS OF EDUCATION | 10 days absence | | 29 days absence (5 weeks 4 days) Half a term missed | |
| | | | 180 DAYS OF EDUCATION | | | 38 days absence (7 weeks 3 days) |
| | | 161 DAYS OF EDUCATION | | | | 47 days absence (9 weeks 2 days) |
| | | | 152 DAYS OF EDUCATION | | | |
| 100% | 97% | 95% | 85% | 80% | 79% | |
| GOOD | | WORRYING | | SERIOUS CONCERN | | |
| Best chance of success | | Less chance of success | | Not fair on your child | | |
| Gets your child off to a flying start | | Makes it harder to make progress | | Court action | | |

Punctuality is monitored and children are expected to be punctual to school ready to start their lessons. It is very disconcerting for a child to arrive late to school, they walk into a room of pupils already learning and it can take time for them to settle down. It is very unfair to your child.

- If you are 5 minutes late every day that adds up to over 3 days lost each year.
- 15 minutes late is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year.



We are striving to have excellent attendance as a school this year and we do hope that you will work with us and support us to achieve this.