

# We Are All In This Together!



## Attendance News - Autumn 1

As you will know, we are all working together to improve our attendance in school to allow each child to achieve their full potential and to help us move the school to 'Outstanding' as soon as possible. With this in mind, we have introduced lots of incentives for both children and parents with the aim being that children attend school as regularly and as punctually as possible. We are already seeing the benefits of these by the improving whole school weekly percentage and the excitement the children are showing as they move around our Attendance-opoly board and achieve their weekly awards. The children are also committed to working as a class in the race to achieve the best attendance percentage each week. It has been brilliant to see and we hope this is just the beginning of the improvements.

Each week in Assembly the classes who are in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place for attendance will roll a dice and move around the board – the whole class then receives the reward they land on the following week!



In addition to this, each half-term, the class with the best attendance will have a visit out of school as a reward. For this half term, the winning class will be visiting The Ridge Adventure Centre in the first week back!

Finally, at the end of each term, any child who has 97% and above will be placed into a draw for 2 individual prizes. There will be the chance to win a £200 supermarket voucher for the parent/carer of the child and a £100 Smyth's toy voucher for a child. Children with the most improved attendance, will also be entered into a draw for a further £100 Smyth's voucher.

You may also have noticed a couple of new signs over the last week around school. A new attendance board which has been put up in the playground has been designed to inform parents and carers of the weekly attendance for each class. The colours are based on the following attendance figures: **96% and above/96-91%/90% and below**. These colours will be changed weekly based on attendance figures. Banners have also been placed at both entrances to let parents know the impact of each day missed in school.



### Reminders:

- Please don't forget to fill out an Absence Request Form for any planned absences. We are unable to authorise ANY holidays and you may receive a fine.
- You only need to keep your child off school if they have a high temperature, Chicken Pox or Impetigo.
- If you need any help or assistance with attendance or attendance concerns, please arrange a meeting to speak with Mrs Neat, our attendance officer.

Thank you for your support with attendance so far this academic year – we are in this together!

