

Our ref: LJE/SED

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Dear Parent/Carer

Attendance rewards for FS1-Y6

I am writing to you today to launch our new reward system for good attendance for FS2-Y6 pupils. This will be introduced in the coming weeks. Attending school regularly and on time is the single most important thing which makes a difference to how well children achieve in school. There is lots of research to show the effect missing school can have on children:

- Children cannot learn and make progress without being in school.
- Contrary to many myths out there, missing primary school has a huge impact on children's future as adults – they don't just catch up.
- Primary schools teach the basics that children need to learn the more complicated ideas at secondary – if they can't read, write and do maths they will not pass GCSEs or A-Levels.
- Children who miss school are less happy: they miss out on the social parts of school life.
- It is vital that children are in school every day, every week: missing parts of a week (for example to leave early for a weekend away), stops children from building on their learning and making progress.

Attending school on time all of the time changes children's lives.

It is really important to ensure that we recognise the commitment of children and families who make sure they get the very most from the educational opportunities we offer. This means those who attend all the time for whole weeks at a time. The rewards we will be using are as follows:

Every Week

Planner	Every week your child attends for the whole week, they will get a sticker in their planner on the attendance page. Where a child doesn't attend for the full week, the star is left blank.
Always on Time	If children are on time for the whole week – ie they arrive before the doors close in the morning – they will get an 'always on time' reward sticker.
Weekly Draw	Every week we will draw the name of a child who has attended all week at random. This child will win a £10 voucher for the weekly attendance award.

End of Every Half Term/Full Term

100% Half Term/Full Term Attendance	All pupils who have 100% attendance for the whole half term or (even more amazing the full term) receive a special certificate.
100% Half Term Attendance Draw	Pupils who have 100% attendance for the Half Term are entered into a draw for Attendance Ted and an amazing £50 voucher prize – this recognises how hard they and their families have tried to get them to school every day.





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End of the year

End of the year Celebration	As well as the end of the term and half term awards. Those children who have attended school every single day for a whole year need special recognition. We will therefore be organising a special event for these children – details to follow!
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Class Rewards

As well as these individual rewards, we will also be rewarding classes for attendance, with special class awards for those with the highest overall attendance at school.

I am really looking forward to seeing the children's faces when as we introduce these rewards which recognise the great work our families do in helping their children make the best possible starts to their school lives.

Yours faithfully

Miss L Jepson
Associate Principal

