



THURSDAY 2ND MARCH 2017
ATTENDANCE NEWSLETTER

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

This term hasn't been very successful in regards to our school attendance. We understand that children can pick up bugs and illnesses and in these circumstances non-attendance is unavoidable but we would like to remind you that it is vital that you let the school know and follow up with a letter/doctors note.

Here are some figures for you:

As a whole school, our current attendance for this year is **93.41%**. This falls way below the expected average of 96%. Out of all the recorded absences **1724** sessions are unauthorised!!

West Sussex has issued **15** FPN's (fixed penalty notices) to pupils within the school and **4** cases have been taken to court. We have **93** pupils under 90%- this is classed as persistent absence.

I'm sure you will all agree that these figures are quite alarming. We are working closely with WPA Education Welfare Services to improve attendance across the school. The contact details for our new EWO are at the bottom of the page.

On a far more positive note we have **124** pupils achieving 98%, **49** pupils achieving 100% - what an achievement!!! One of these pupils - Alex Pitts from Rousseau class was the proud winner of our attendance bike!!



WELL DONE ALEX! I wonder who our next winner will be? Furthermore, next term we will be celebrating the 98% club - see above for details.

With a new half term starting let's all work together to improve our attendance!

Warmest regards,

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98%
CLUB:

We will be holding another cinema afternoon next term for all the children who achieved 98% and above attendance this term.

124 pupils will be invited to enjoy this fun afternoon. Will you be one of them?

Remember every day that your child is in school their attendance improves!



Some Facts

* Most children should routinely have attendance rates of 97% or more. This is the equivalent of 6 days absence a year. BUT 100% is achieved by many pupils every year.

* A 2 week holiday each year in Primary school means a total of 14 weeks teaching time missed, 1 whole term. This has a real impact on their basic literacy and maths, reflecting in their final SATs and GCSE results.

* Prolonged absence from school can lead to loneliness. It can make it harder for your child to get along with other children and make friends.

* Keeping children away from school for no good reason is a criminal offence.