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Only my best will do; Be kind to one another

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Children,

Thanks to the hard work of teachers in the federated schools we have been able to secure tickets for the children who are attending school regularly to go ice skating or to the cinema. Those children who have achieved 96% attendance will be included in this trip. For those children who have already been absent due to illness we will calculate their attendance from Monday 31st October and these children must achieve at least 96% between now and the date of the trip for them to be included. You will be informed of the dates of this trip nearer to the time and so the best way to ensure your child is included is to aim for 100% attendance.

If you would like to discuss, this please contact me as soon as possible via the school office.

Schools nationally are required to aim for a minimum of 97% attendance for the school year and while we are on track at the moment it is easy for attendance levels to drop dramatically if there is an outbreak of a vomiting bug or other illnesses such as chickenpox. Please make sure your child (children) are only absent from school when they are genuinely too ill to attend. We will then require medical evidence for the absence to be authorised (sight of prescribed medicine bottle, prescription, note of attendance at walk in centre or appointment card from doctor). ALL children who are absent due to a term time holiday will be subject to a Penalty Notice – issued by the Education Welfare Officer. If we suspect you have really been on holiday when you have told us that your child is sick (we are informed by other parents of posts on social media), you will be asked for medical evidence and the absence will not be authorised until this is received.

Class attendance up to 20th October 2016

YEAR	ST CUTHBERT'S	ST SEBASTIAN'S
F2	95.0%	95.4%
Y1	96.5%	99.1%
Y2	97.4%	96.8%
Y3	95.7%	98.8%
Y4	95.6%	97.7%
Y5	98.4%	98.3%
Y6	97.6%	98.1%
TOTAL	96.6%	97.7%

As you can see some classes are doing very well (special mention must be given to Y1 in St Sebastian's **99.1% - excellent so far**) but some classes are not on track to achieve our target.

Please help us to help your child achieve their full potential by making sure they come to school every day.

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Attendance Officer

Executive Head Teacher

