



Attendance Newsletter

Spring Term 2. March 2018

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are sure that like us, you as parents and carers realise the importance of attendance and punctuality. Here at Whiteways Primary School we have been working hard to try to raise attendance levels and to reduce instances of lateness.

There is much evidence to show that good attendance plays a vital role in helping your child to achieve their potential. We also know that poor attendance can lead to other problems for children.

Children who do not attend school regularly are more likely to:

- fall behind in their school work
- find it difficult to make and keep friends
- be unhappy at school
- misbehave so others cannot see that they are finding the work difficult
- learn poor attendance habits that follow through into secondary school and employment.



Poor punctuality can also disadvantage children in many ways:

- Being frequently late for school adds up to lost learning time - for example arriving 15 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year.
- When children are late, they find it harder to settle into the routine of the day.
- When children arrive late, they often miss key messages and teaching which continues to have an effect on their learning for the rest of the lesson or day.
- Poor punctuality disrupts the class and is embarrassing for the child.
- Your child being late disturbs the learning of the whole class.

Getting here on time every day really is important in helping your child to become a happy and successful learner.

Every day really does count!

Throughout the year we have been introducing lots of incentives for our children and families as part of our attendance improvement campaign. We want to show the Local Authority that our schools, families and children can achieve 96% or above and we know our families support us with this.



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We will be running our next attendance incentive from Monday 12th March until Friday 23rd March 2018. This will be running for two weeks.

Mystery tokens will be given out on the gate by the attendance ambassadors, which can be exchanged for prizes such as free breakfast, free tuck shop treats, extra playtime, Easter eggs and a variety of vouchers.

The class with the highest percentage attendance will get £10 and each class member will receive an individual prize.

