

St Thomas More



Attendance Newsletter



Autumn 2018

Our minimum target for attendance is 97%

Our overall attendance for 2017/2018 is **96.5%** which is below our expected attendance and is lower than 2016/2017 at **96.7%**

Unfortunately, whole school attendance has fallen lower than last academic year- much of this is because of families taking holidays during term time. During the summer term children have lost a total of 216 days for un-agreed holidays. For the whole of the academic year this total is 348 school days lost to un-agreed holidays. For the academic year 16/17, children lost 250.5 days to un-agreed holidays so there has been a significant increase - almost 100 days more in 17/18 as compared to 16/17. We do not authorise holidays during term time and where appropriate we will submit paperwork to the LA for fines to be issued. In 2016/2017 the local authority fined **three** of our families due to taking holidays during term time. In 2017/2018 **eight** of our families have currently been fined. We will be contacting families to arrange meetings with those who have attendance below 95%, and those who have more than 3 'L' or 'U' marks during the summer term. This will be with Mrs Round, Mrs Faley and a local authority attendance officer. Also please note, if your child's attendance drops below 92% then we will not be authorising your child's absence unless evidence is provided.

The attendance and punctuality figures for 2017/2018 for each class are listed below

Current Year group Of 2018/2019	Lates (arrived between 9-9:15)	'U' (arrived after 9:15)	% Attend so far 2017/18	No of Chn with 100% attendance
Reception				
Class 1	57	5	96.3	3
Class 2	13	1	97.4	2
Class 3	10	2	97.8	3
Class 4	58	17	95.8	1
Class 5	46	4	97.0	3
Class 6	60	11	96.3	2
Current Y7	34	5	97.0	5
Totals	278	45	96.5%	19



100% attendance and punctuality for the year! Wow! There were 19 of our children who enjoyed a trip to pizza hut in July as they achieved 100% attendance during 2017/2018. Whoever has 100% attendance for the whole of the academic year in 2018/2019 and less than 3 lates, will receive the same extra special prize with a visit to pizza hut with school in July 2019! So let's get off to flying start and make sure we attend school every day!



Congratulations to those children who have achieved 100% attendance for the summer term! You will receive a special reward of a games afternoon with Mrs Faley and Mrs Round in the hall. Children who have achieved 100% for the summer term will receive a letter home with the details.



Early Bird Week –
Week Beginning
22nd October 2018



Each child who is on time for school every day during this week will be in the prize draw to win a £10 voucher!



Some great news for holiday-makers in 2018/2019!

As holidays are often cheaper in term-time, we have looked at next academic year and our 2 week Easter break is different to that of many other schools across the country. Researching holidays for next year, **it's a lot cheaper to go these weeks than the subsequent weeks.**

April (10 Days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Our Easter holidays are:

So get booked up in our school holidays to ensure it is cheaper and your children don't miss out on key learning in term time!

Remember!

You can be fined for taking your child out of school during term time, may be monitored closely by the Local Authority and could even be taken to court

Speak to someone in school as soon as possible if you have any questions about taking your child out of school for any reason.