

## Attendance – Weekly Winners

| Key Stage | Class    | Attendance |
|-----------|----------|------------|
| KS1       | Year 1   | 97.3%      |
| KS2       | Year 4/5 | 94.7%      |

Attendance target this year = 98%

Overall attendance for week ending 02/02/18 = 94.9%

We are too far off our target; please can you help us by ensuring your children are in school and arrive on time.

### Request for time out of school

Our school attendance figures overall are not high enough and if we are inspected by Ofsted they will investigate our procedures and systems in school.

If you are requesting your children to be out of school there are only very few reasons that this could be authorised. These are:

- Specific medication appointments where a letter would be provided to demonstrate this.
- Religious observance.
- Exceptional circumstances i.e bereavement.
- Seeing a parent on leave from armed forces.
- External examinations.

There are absent request forms which you would need to fill in and I am meeting each and every one personally to discuss their requests.

### Parents Evening

It is vitally important that parents attend parents evening. In anticipation that you may have little ones, we have arranged that a crèche is available in the nursery to enable you to talk freely to your children's class teacher.

Once we know parents appointment times your children's books will be available for you to see prior to your meeting.

Sometimes, especially as children become more mature you can bring your child to the appointment. However there may be a moment where either yourself or the class teacher may want to talk without little ones ears!

### Reporting Absences

Please can you ensure that you report your child's absence if they are not in school. There is an answer phone facility to allow you to leave a message. Any absences not reported will be marked as unauthorised.



## stars of the Week



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| Rec      | Milo    | For always having a go at the daily challenges even when they are hard!                              |
| Year 1   | Lucas   | For never giving up in his maths work.   |
| Year 2   | Minnie  | For being kind and helpful to others.  |
| Year 3   | Ruweda  | For keeping going during maths lessons even when she finds it hard and wanting to challenge herself. |
| Year 4/5 | Crystal | For such a positive attitude to learning.  |
| Year 5/6 | Goncalo | For never giving up when he's finding things tricky.   |

### Writers of the week

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| Rec      | Tyler   | For working hard at spelling.  |
| Year 1   | Evie    | For working hard to remember capital letters, finger spaces and full stops in her writing.                         |
| Year 2   | Jacob   | For trying really hard to improve the organisation of his writing.   |
| Year 3   | Charlie | For really listening to Miss Bishop and Mrs Edgar during English lessons and beginning to improve his own writing. |
| Year 4/5 | Vanessa | For using complex sentences including semi colons.   |
| Year 5/6 | Triston | For working independently to improve the accuracy of his writing.  |



Keep it up! It could be you next week!



## Competition

After the half term we will be starting our 'Community Awards' (acts of kindness) that anyone can nominate someone in/outside for our school & community.

We have set the children a competition to design a logo for the Community Awards. The winning logo will then be put on our weekly newsletters.

Children's logo designs need to be handed into the school office by **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February**.



## With Thanks

Can I thank you for your warm welcome since I have arrived at High Street Primary Academy. I will continue to be available to support in every way possible on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Friday afternoons when I am on site to answer any questions.

I hope that our newsletter and open door policy to our achievement assemblies has made a start to address better communication. Thank you for your support.



## After School Activities/Clubs

Dodgeball and Basketball after school clubs have now finished. Rugby will continue until the 6<sup>th</sup> March. After half term there will be new clubs available as per the table below. Spaces can be booked in the school office.

| <u>Day</u>       | <u>Time</u>        | <u>Club</u>                              | <u>Year</u>          |
|------------------|--------------------|--|----------------------|
| <u>Tuesday</u>   | <u>3:15 - 4:15</u> | <u>Rugby Skills (Plymouth Albion)</u>    | <u>3, 4, 5 and 6</u> |
| <u>Wednesday</u> | <u>3:15 - 4:15</u> | <u>Handball (Premier Sports)</u>         | <u>3, 4, 5 and 6</u> |
| <u>Thursday</u>  | <u>3:15 - 4:15</u> | <u>Ultimate Frisbee (Premier Sports)</u> | <u>3, 4, 5 and 6</u> |



## Dates for your diary.....up and coming events

| <u>Date</u>                | <u>EYFS/KS1</u>  | <u>KS2</u>                                 |
|----------------------------|--|--|
| Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb    | Last day of School   |  |
| Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb   | All children back to school  |  |
| Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb   | Parents Evening – 10 min appointments 3:30-5:30. Crèche provided in the Nursery.   |  |
| Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar  | Parents Evening - 10 min appointments 3:30-5:00. Crèche provided in the Nursery.   |  |
| Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar    |  | Year 3 Winter Overnighter payment deadline |
| Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar   |  | Year 3 Winter Overnighter                  |
| Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar   | PUPILS NOT IN – TEACHER TRAINING   |  |
| Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar  | Governor Prize Giving Nominations and 100% attendance awards (Parents of children nominated will receive a letter through the post). |  |
| Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar | Last day of Term   |  |
| Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Apr   | All Children back to school  |  |

## Achievement Assembly

Every Friday at 2pm we have an 'Achievement Assembly' where children are selected to be awarded with a certificate for a specific achievement and we would like to invite family members of those children to join us for these celebrations.

Please be in the hall, seated by 2pm, there will be no late admission. Mobile phones must be switched off and no photos to be put on social media, to protect the safety of our children. Thank you.

### How will you know if your child is being awarded a certificate?

You will receive a phone call to notify you the week before your child is being awarded a certificate. A member of our staff will send a verbal reminder in the week.



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