



Hadleigh Infants and Nursery School Newsletter No 19 - 19th January 2024

Message from Mrs Fynn

Earlier in the term I made reference to the new attendance guidance published by the Government. We also had a meeting with a local authority attendance advisor who informed us that we are categorised as “amber” in terms of our levels of attendance. As a result of this I’ve been doing a lot of thinking about how we can move to “green”. My reasoning for this is not what you may think at first. It’s not about the local authority perceptions, it’s about giving our children the best life chances possible. Since the pandemic the attitude of many families to school attendance has seen a subtle shift and school absence levels have crept up. Although the level of school attendance matters to the school, what should matter to you is the attendance level of your own child.

Missing two weeks of school for a (much needed) family holiday means that your child misses approximately 50 hours of new learning that they will not be taught again, however, your child will need to use that missed learning as the foundations for new knowledge to be built upon.

Having frequent irregular days off also has an impact, each day that a child is absent they miss around 5 hours of new learning, this will impact their ability to complete the learning of the next day or week as learning is sequential and builds on the previous days knowledge.

In later life there is a significant correlation between school attendance, exam results and lifetime earning potential.

I realise this may all sound a little dramatic but it is a real concern and we see it impacting on the learning and also happiness and wellbeing children each day.

Of course there are times when your child is too ill to attend school, we all know this, but please do give consideration if your child is well enough to attend. If you feel we can support you with school attendance in any way please do reach out. We all want the best outcomes for the children in our care.

Every one of us needs to show
how much we care for each other
and, in the process,
care for ourselves.



Princess Diana



Nursery - rules

Reception - resilience

Year 1 - display

Year 2 - producer

A special mention to Phoenix from Brazil Class who was the Year 2 Christmas colouring competition winner. Due to a formatting issue her name was not displayed in last week’s newsletter.

Animalistic Encounters



This week at the Animalistic Encounters Club the children met Poppet the Desert Blond Tarantula, Pinch the Giant Forest Scorpion and got up close and personal with a Madagascar hissing cockroach. We learned that 97% of all animals in the world are invertebrates, there are 1.25 million known species and millions more undiscovered! Did you know that under a UV light, a Scorpion glows a turquoise colour!

We are in the process of arranging further after school clubs and once this has been confirmed we will share this information with parents.





LUNCH MENU 1 – WEEK COMMENCING 22nd JANUARY 2024

- Monday** - Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza served with Sweetcorn, Carrot and Sultana Salad followed by Fruit Platter
- Tuesday** - Pasta Neapolitan or Jacket Potato with Tuna/Cheese/Beans served with Broccoli and Homemade Crusty Bread followed by Ice Cream
- Wednesday** - Hot Dog or Vegetarian Hot Dog served with Baked Beans and Hash Browns followed by Yoghurt
- Thursday** - Chicken or Quorn Korma served with Wholegrain Rice, Naan Bread and Green Beans followed by School's Choice of Cookie
- Friday** - Fish Fingers or Crispy Dippers served with Chips, Peas and Sweetcorn followed by Peaches and Cream



Important Information



Reporting Absence

- When letting us know that your child is unable to attend School, please either call 01702 557979 and leave a message on the absence answer phone giving your child's name, class and reason for absence.
- Alternatively, you can complete our Google Form via the link below:

[Absence Google Form](#)

Dates for your Diary - please note that details for some diary items is not yet available and will be communicated in due course.

26th January - International Lego Day

29th January-2nd February - National Storytelling Week & Bedtime Stories

31st January - Bedtime Stories

5th-9th February - Children's Mental Health Week

6th February - Safer Internet Day

15th February - Random Acts of Kindness Day

7th March - World Book Day

Holiday Dates -

15th February - Last Day of Half-Term

16th February - Staff Development Day

26th February - Welcome Back

29th March - Good Friday

30th March - Easter Monday

2nd-12th April - Easter Holiday

15th April - Welcome Back



Certificate of Achievement:

Explorers: Nico	Sweden: Ivy
England: Teddy	France: Queenie
Wales: Florence	Brazil: Scarlett
Scotland: Oliver D	Japan: Ethan S
Greece: Zizo	Kenya: Lincoln

Attendance Heroes:

Greece: Harrison
Sweden: Roma
France: Cinar
Brazil: Esme
Japan: Frank
Kenya: Maddison J

Star of the Week:

Explorers: Mason	Greece: Ada	Brazil: Ranya
England: Edward	Sweden: Ashley	Japan: Jude
Scotland: Eleanor	France: Harlie-Skye	Kenya: Alex M
Wales: Ronnie		

Class Attendance Award:

The best class for attendance this week was France with 97.3% attendance. Well done to them!

Unfortunately, 5 classes did not reach our 96% target. Our overall attendance was 94.8%

Greece - 95.5%	Brazil - 93.3%
Sweden - 93.5%	Japan - 95.7%
France - 97.3%	Kenya - 93.3%



Reading Awards

This week Bronze Reading Award badges have been presented to:

England: Leo	France: Frankie	Greece: Louie
Sweden: Evie	Ida	
Toby	Eden	



Well done, we are proud of your achievement!

Reading Award boundaries: Bronze - 50 reads, Silver - 100 reads, Gold - 150 reads, Platinum - 200 reads



Meet our Safeguarding Team



Mrs Lucy Fynn
Designated Safeguarding Lead



David Turner
Safeguarding Governor



Mrs K Strickland



Miss K Ryan



Miss M Hoath

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads

Are you concerned about a child?

- ◆ Make a note of your concern including the date & time
- ◆ Contact the school and speak to someone in our Safeguarding Team, you can also raise concerns anonymously by contacting the hub.
- ◆ Always share your concerns



Children & Families Hub For members of the public:

- If a child or young person is in immediate danger, call 999.
- If you're worried that a child is being abused or neglected, call the Children and Families Hub on **0345 603 7627**. This phone line is open Monday to Thursday 9am to 5:30pm, and Fridays 9am to 4:30pm.
- Out of hours or bank holidays, call the emergency duty team on 0345 606 1212.