

Wingrove Primary School
Attendance Newsletter - Spring Term 2023



Spring has well and truly sprung! What an incredible term we have had celebrating attendance! Gifts galore, tasty treats and truly terrific trips that the children will remember for years to come. Last half term during the Gold Assembly we gave away prize bundles. The children were overjoyed! Well done, you truly are attendance super stars. I want to take this opportunity to personally thank my colleague Mr MacLeod, as he has arranged for another awesome attendance prize. Mr MacLeod arranged for 30 KS2 pupils to go the cinema to see Raya and the Last Dragon! The children were selected as they had the most improved attendance! It just goes to show hard work really pays off! The children were absolutely thrilled and it's all down to their commitment to coming to school every day wanting to learn, wanting to achieve. I also want to thank all parents and carers who ensure that their child/ren are coming into school every day and on time! This is very important as these healthy habits pave the way to a successful future. For the summer term, I'd really like us to work together to continue to improve attendance. I am here to help and support families if needed. Lates will be monitored more closely as time keeping and punctuality is also a massive part of school life. Your child doesn't want to walk into class when their friends are already on task. This is how they fall behind. Please be mindful of this and set your alarm clocks earlier so your child is on time for school every day. As the spring term draws to a close, I am excited to say that we have more prize bundles to give away, to one child from Early Years, one from Key Stage 1 and two children will be selected from Key Stage 2. Also, we will be taking 30 children to Gibside National Trust where they get to explore and enjoy the beautiful grounds, experience the Strawberry Castle play area, build a den and challenge their friends at the Low Ropes course. There's plenty of ways for kids (and big kids) to play at Gibside. This is a well-deserved treat, not to be missed! All winners will be revealed in the Gold Assembly on Friday 31st March. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support in working alongside us to give your children the best possible start in life.

Wishing you all happy holiday

Mrs Paxton – Attendance & Welfare Officer

Overall attendance

Children in primary school are expected to have attendance of **above 96%**.

The government has set this target of **96%** for all schools and we are expected to reach that each term. This term we achieved **93.9%**, which is significantly lower, so we need to work together to improve this

Remember the doors open at **0845**. If you arrive after the buzzer sounds at **0855**, you should report to the office. Morning nursery doors open at **0840** and close at **0845** and afternoon at **1225** and close at **1230**. Bring your children to school on time and they will be prepared for an exciting day of learning.

At the end of the school day

Picking your children up on time at the end of the day is just as important as getting them to school on time. **Please remember school finishes at 1515.** Afternoon nursery is **1530**. If you think you might be late picking up your children, please ring the school office and we can let your child know.

Phoning to report an absence

Please call the school office before 9am on:

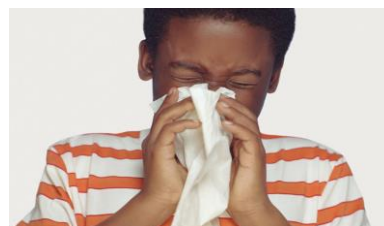
0191 2735466

OR

0191 2735842

To leave a message on the absence line select **option 1** when prompted to do so. Please state your child's full name, name of their teacher and the reason for their absence.

Although we strive for good attendance for all children, we understand that everyone can be ill. If your child is too unwell to come school, then please phone to let us know.



Illness

All children at some point are ill, which means that they cannot attend school.

If your child has sickness and diarrhoea then they cannot attend school for 48 hours.

However, if your child has a minor complaint such as a runny nose or sore throat, then they should attend school.

We find, in most cases, that children are so busy in school that they tend to forget their little illnesses very quickly.



Holiday and leave of absence in term time

We continue to work closely with the local authority in relation to issuing fines for holidays taken during term time. This is an increasing problem and we feel our pupils should not miss valuable education. This term we had **81 children** each missing on average nearly **one week** of their education due to **unauthorised absence**. Please look at the school term calendar and plan your time away during school holiday time. Penalty fines will be enforced accordingly.

The calendars are available from the school office and are on the school website.



We love to reward good attendance



100% Attendance Draw

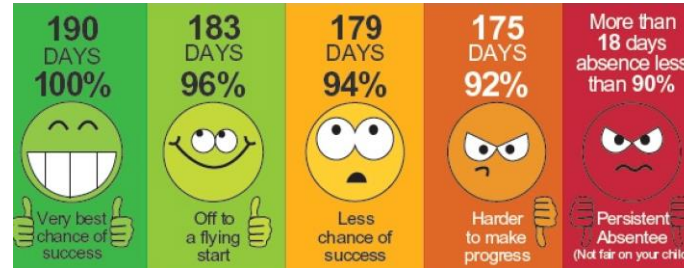
All children who achieve **100%** attendance, and are on time every day, each term, will have their name entered in the prize draw. A name is drawn out in Gold Assembly and the winner is awarded a collection of prizes.

The children with **96%** or above each half term have their names in a prize draw and the winner is awarded a book.

We also have two attendance display boards, where we highlight the children and classes who have good attendance

Do you know your child's attendance?

Your child's attendance is important. Keep your child in the green zone, aim for above 96% attendance. If you would like to know your child's attendance please speak to Mrs. Paxton. I will be happy to help you with all your attendance needs.



Film and Nacho Party

The children love to try and achieve the best attendance for their class. Every half term, the classes in EYFS/Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, with the best attendance, win a film afternoon complete with a tasty snack. This year the snack is nachos.



New Attendance Reward

New this term, if a class comes in everyday Monday to Friday the whole class will get to enjoy

HOT CHOCOLATE & COOKIES!!!



Golden Time

The class who has the fewest 'lates' has Golden Time, once a week.

They play on the bouncy castle and have lots of fun games to share with their peers.



Last half term prize bundles winners were

EYFS – Ayoub

Key Stage 1 – Azel

Key Stage 2 – Taqwa

Cinema attendance Prize

30 Key Stage 2 pupils won a trip to the cinema. The children watched Raya and the Last Dragon at the Vue in Cramlington. Well done to all of you!

At the end of the spring term we will be giving out MORE prize bundles. I am so excited to share with you that 30 of our pupils will be visiting Gibside National Trust where they will get to explore the beautiful grounds, play in the park and test out their balancing skills on the high ropes! All appreciating the stunning surroundings and immersing themselves in nature.

Whole Class Attendance Spring Term 2023

Nursery am	94.6%
Nursery pm	86.8%
RecSB	94.2%
RecGR	87.5 %
Year 1 HLP/ TW	92.0%
Year 1 LJ	96.0%
Year 2 AH	94.9%
Year 2 SK	96.2%
Year 3 SC	94.8%
Year 3 TB	92.8%
Year 4 CL	93.6%
Year 4 JMc	93.8%
Year 5 CB	94.7%
Year 5 KS	94.6%
Year 6 EF	96.9%
Year 6 BR	95.8%

Whole School 93.9%

Whole Class Lates Spring Term 2023

Nursery am	69
Nursery pm	49
RecSB	51
RecGR	34
1HLP/ TW	38
1LJ	19
2AH	16
2SK	33
3SC	23
3TB	34
4CL	32
4JMc	51
5CB	29
5KS	31
6EF	15
6BR	24

Total Lates 751

I am sure you will all agree that we are all working hard to recognise and reward all pupils who work hard to come to school every day and on time. We also reward pupils who make an extra effort to improve. We do this because research has shown that pupils who have good attendance celebrate more success in later life and we want our children to have lots of opportunities available to them as they grow and develop. We will not accept poor attendance or pupils arriving late on a regular basis, because we know that this can lead to poor habits and outcomes in the future. I know that during the holy month of Ramadan, body clocks can be a little confused, but we need to make every attempt to get our children to school on time every day.

We CAN improve and achieve more than 93.9% attendance with fewer lates next term. *Mrs J Mullarkey*