



Wingrove Primary School Attendance Newsletter Summer 2018

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome to the summer edition of Wingrove's attendance newsletter. I hope you all had a lovely holiday and that you're all keen to ensure your child arrives at school on time and achieve good attendance. We have had an increase in children arriving to school late. Children start learning as soon as they are in class, so your child is missing out when they arrive late. We continue to work towards our goals regarding attendance and punctuality as we believe this gives children the best education. Attendance lower than 95% can significantly impact upon your child's learning.

If you would like to speak to me regarding your child's attendance or absence, I am outside most mornings near the main school doors.

With kind regards

Mrs Prosperini
Administrative Officer

Remember the doors open at **8.45**. If you arrive after the bell goes at **8.55**, you are late. Get to school on time and be prepared for the day ahead.

Morning nursery doors open at **8.40** and afternoon at **12.25**.

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Overall Punctuality

Last term, we had **267** lates, a total of over **54 hours lost learning**.

Please ensure you get your child to school on time.



Overall attendance

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

Our target for the whole school is set by the government and the local authority and we are expected to reach at least 96% this academic year. Last term we achieved **94.1%**. **We need to work very hard to improve this.**

Phoning to report an absence

Please phone before 9.00 the first morning your child is absent. Leave a message on the absence line. It is important to state your child's full name, the 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 to school, then please phone the school on the number below:



**0191 2735466 or
0191 2735842**

Illness

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

If your child has sickness and diarrhoea or a high temperature then they cannot attend school. However, if your child has a minor complaint such as a runny nose, mild cough or sore throat, then they could attend school. Last term **899** days were been missed due to illness.



At the end of the school day

Picking your child 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 **3.15**. Afternoon nursery is **3.30**. If, on occasion, you may be late picking your children up, please ring the school office.



Holidays and leave of absence in term time

We continue to work with the local authority in relation to issuing fines for holidays taken in term time. This is an increasing problem, we feel our children should not miss out on their education. **Last academic year we had 113 children missing 749 days due to holidays.**

Last term **34** pupils contributed to **245** days of missed learning through holidays.

Please look at the school term calendar and plan your time away to be in school holiday time.

The calendars are available to see on all outside notice boards, at the school office and on the school website for your information.



Film and popcorn afternoons

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 popcorn. The winners last half term were:

EYFS/Key Stage 1: Miss Jordan's class with 97.3%

Key Stage 2: Mr Henderson's class with 97.3%.

Well done to both classes.

We also have **Golden Time** every week for the class who have the fewest lates. The children have a selection of board games to play with their classmates.



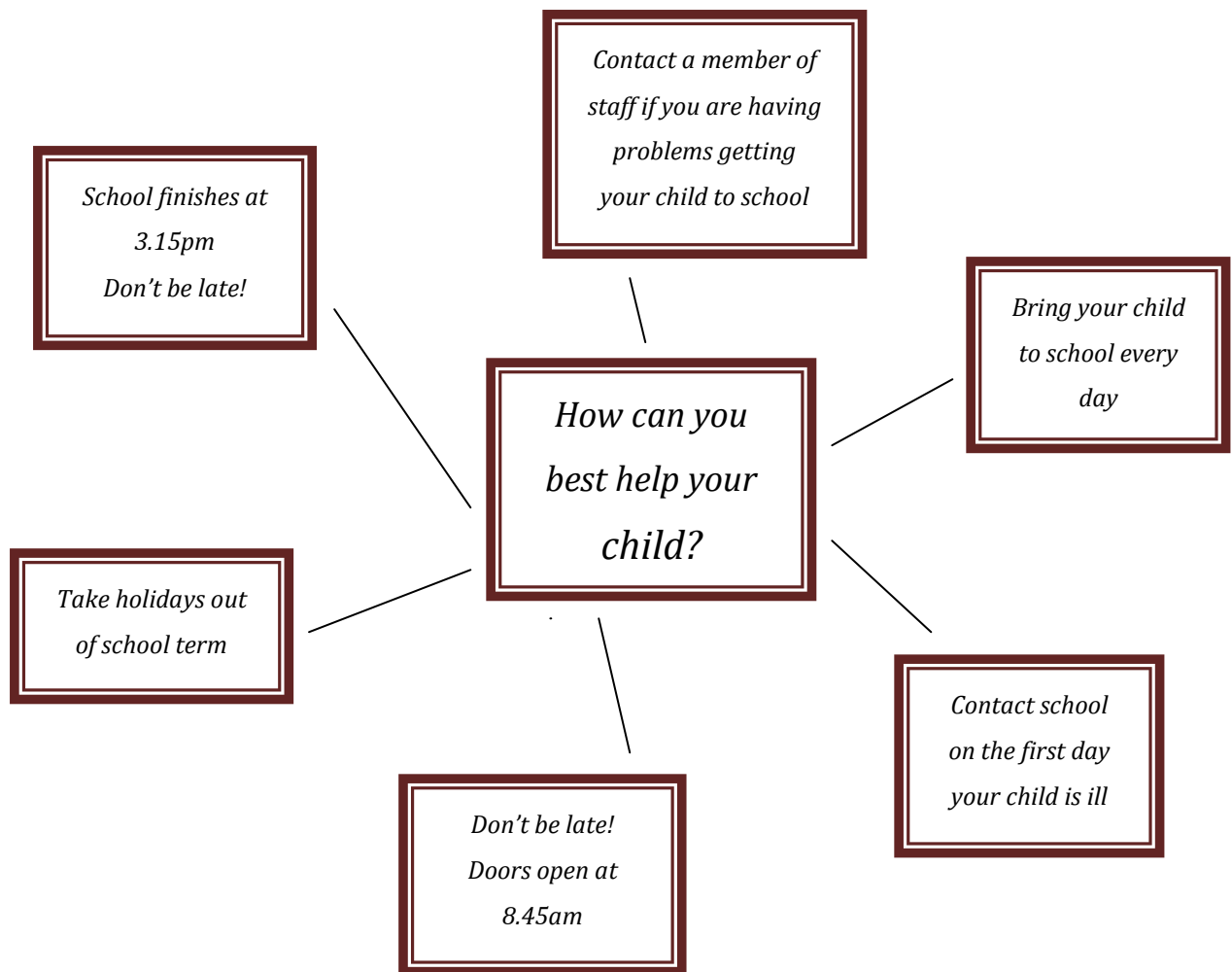
100% Attendance Draw



All children who achieve 100% attendance in a half term, and haven't been late, will have their name in the prize draw. Muhammad in Mr Wilson's class won last half term and was awarded a collection of prizes.



We also have an attendance chart in each classroom, where the children can track their own attendance, the children with 100% each half term have their names in a draw and the winner is given a book.



We have such a lot of incentives at school to promote good habits linked with punctuality and attendance, and I always enjoy presenting the awards and giving successful pupils a mention in our special assemblies. Attendance is something for which the school is judged and we must constantly work hard to encourage all pupils to come to school every day in order to be given the very best opportunity to achieve their full potential. We understand that sometimes children can be too ill to attend school, but there are times when they are absent for trivial reasons, and they then miss out on a day's education. We have to work together to eradicate this. There is no excuse for coming to school late when most of our families live within walking distance of the school. I would very much like to encourage you all to leave the car at home and walk to school. There are so many benefits of this. For example, families can talk to each other as they walk without having to concentrate on driving. We would cut down congestion around our community and near the school gates, which makes the journey a more pleasant one. It also promotes health and wellbeing when we get out and about instead of taking the car on such short journeys. But, ultimately, we could support the reduction of dangerous pollutants at and around our school gates when engines are cold and cars are brought to school unnecessarily. Please make the extra effort as the summer approaches. The majority can travel to and from school without using the car. Let's see if we can all make the effort. Finally, I would like to thank Mrs Prosperini for her enormous efforts to improve attendance in our school. It is a very difficult role to have, and can cause people embarrassment on occasion, but it is all done with the children's interests at the very centre. We must encourage you all to support your children and our school with this rather challenging task

Mrs Mullarkey