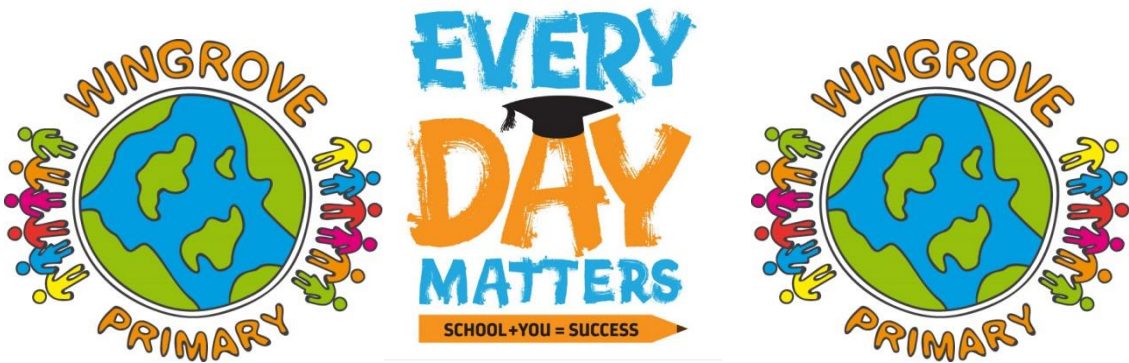


Wingrove Primary School

Attendance Newsletter - Summer Term 2023



Summer Term! We've had so much fun celebrating the children's attendance in the sun. From trips to Gibside, pizza parties, Ouseburn Farm, Seven Stories you name it, we've done it! As we wave goodbye to our current year 6, pupils we get ready to welcome new faces to wonderful Wingrove. I hope we can continue to work together to improve attendance and punctuality. Good attendance at school is not just valuable, it's essential. Coming to school every day is directly linked to improved exam performance which should in turn lead to further learning opportunities and better job prospects. As well as this, going to school helps to develop friendships, social skills, team values, life skills, cultural awareness, and career pathways.

New for September 2023 School starting times are changing. The doors will open from **0835** each morning for all children from Reception to Year 6. They should be in class ready for registration at **0845 prompt**. Also, to make you all aware that Wingrove will now be working very closely with an Attendance Officer from the Local Authority who will be in and around school on a regular basis. They will help and support our persistent absentees and anyone who has attendance issues. As a parent, if you find it hard to talk to your child about their attendance at school or other school-related matters, support is available. Please do hesitate to contact either myself or Mrs. Dick who is our Pupil and Family Support Officer.

We will continue to celebrate excellent attendance, as we believe that every day really does matter. I just want to take this opportunity to thank all of our amazing pupils and parents/carers for an incredible year.

I hope the sun keeps on shining and I do hope you enjoy the summer with your lovely families. We will see you all on Tuesday 5th September at 0835.

Mrs. Hayley 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 **90.1%**, which is significantly lower, so we need to work together to improve this.

New for September 2023 School starting times are changing. The doors will open from **0835** each morning. Reception to Year 6 pupils should be in class ready for registration at **0845** prompt. **Anyone arriving after 0845 will be late and should report to the school 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

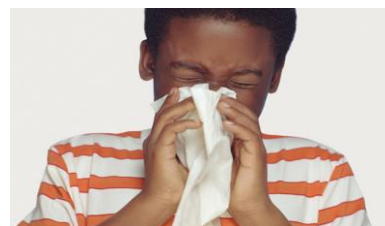
Please call the school office before 9am on:

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

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 **87 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

ICE -LOLLIES!!!



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.



Summer term 3B Ouseburn, Seven Stories & a yummy vegan lunch

Harvey 3TB • Sebastien 4CL • Ali 4JMc • Amaya 5CB • Abu-Bakr 3TB • Jamie 4CL

Amina 5CB • Hannah 6EF • Saja 6EF

Gibside N.T Attendance Prize 30 of our pupils visited Gibside National Trust where they got 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.

Pizza Party 30 of children from Reception class up to year 6 got to enjoy a pizza party, sadly it did rain that day but that didn't stop us. We kept the party indoors and enjoyed a movie whilst tucking into a delicious pizza!

We will make this a summer term to remember with even more prizes to the children who have achieved amazing attendance all year round so from September 2022 to July 2023!

Whole Class Attendance Summer Term 2023

Nursery am	91.3%
Nursery pm	87.5%
RecSB	90.2%
RecGR	86.5%
Year 1 HLP/ TW	90.3%
Year 1 LJ	90.5%
Year 2 AH	91.5%
Year 2 SK	90.2%
Year 3 SC	87.8%
Year 3 TB	91.7%
Year 4 CL	92.6%
Year 4 JMc	91.3%
Year 5 CB	88.3%
Year 5 KS	89.7%
Year 6 EF	91.6%
Year 6 BR	89.0%

Whole School 90.1%

Whole Class Lates Summer Term 2023

Nursery am	97
Nursery pm	83
RecSB	52
RecGR	49
1HLP/ TW	49
1LJ	28
2AH	36
2SK	52
3SC	49
3TB	50
4CL	79
4JMc	51
5CB	73
5KS	39
6EF	16
6BR	38

Total Lates 841

I cannot reiterate enough how important it is to come to school every day. I was very disappointed when reading some of the end of year reports, that there are children in our school whose attendance falls below the expected outcome of 96%. Please take time to read the reports carefully and, if your child has attendance of below 96%, I expect an improvement this next term. One of the barriers preventing children from achieving their potential is poor attendance. We cannot accept this as a reason for underachievement for our children and if it becomes a habit, it narrows their life choices. I will be working closely with Mrs Paxton and the Local Authority Attendance Officer to ensure that we are doing all we can to give our children the very best opportunity to achieve their full potential. If we work together, we can succeed.

Mrs Mullarkey