

# Wingrove Primary School

## Attendance Newsletter – Spring Term 2024



What an amazing start to 2024! Attendance is the key to success. If you don't believe me then just ask the 60 pupils that have achieved over 96% attendance in the last half term and their exceptional attitude towards coming into school every day. On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 30 pupils went to the Vue in Gateshead to watch Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **COWABUNGA!** WE didn't stop there. Our adventures continued when we took another 30 pupils to the Vue in Gateshead again, on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March to watch Asterix - The Secret of the Magic Potion! The children had an amazing time and behaved beautifully, what an absolute pleasure. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr MacLeod, Mrs Dick, Mrs Radu and Mr Moore who accompanied us. Well done to the following classes that got to enjoy a movie afternoon and Nachos last half term (8.1.24 – 16.2.24). **Early years' winner was RecSB Mrs Blashford 95.4%, Key Stage 1 winners were 2AT Miss Todd 94.2% and Key Stage 2 winners were 6AR Miss Rowan 96.5%. They all got to enjoy a Movie Afternoon and Nachos!**

Pupils with good attendance records generally achieve higher in class and they enjoy school more. Having a good education will help to give your child the best possible start in life. Regular school attendance patterns encourage the development of other responsible patterns of behaviour. Academically, poor attendance hampers students' progress and leads to gaps in their learning. When students are absent, they miss vital explanations, demonstrations, and collaborative activities that enhance understanding.

**Good school attendance is important for equipping your child with skills for life. Attending school every day can help your child to achieve their aspirations, and the aspirations that you have for them.**

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a lovely Spring break. We look forward to welcoming you all back on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 0835. DON'T BE LATE!**

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 **93.5%**, which is significantly lower, so we need to work together to improve this.

### April 2024

The doors will open from **0835** each morning. Reception to Year 6 pupils should be in class ready for registration at **0845** prompt. **Anyone who arrives after 0845 is late and should report to the school office.**

Morning nursery doors open **0840** and close **0845** Afternoon doors open 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 on 01912735466 and we can let your child know.

### NEW - Phoning to report an absence

**Please call the school office before gam on:**

**0191 2735466**

**OR**

**0191 2735842**

To speak to me, or 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 anyone 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 **43 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 and in noticeboards.





## 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 me. 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.



## Attendance Reward

**When** a class comes in every day, 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.



## Spring Term 2B -

### Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles

Wedad 3SC Hassan 3SC Moustafa 3SC Aleeza 3SC Saara 3SC Safiyyah 3CL Mariam 3CL Khadija 3CL Clara 3CL Abdallah 4TB Maisie 4TB Haleemah 4TB Zaynab 4TB Hafsa 4TB Rahela 4JMC Saabir 4JMC Nageena 4JMC Anaya 5AW David 5AW Fola 5AW Yunus 5AW Amin 5AW Hafsa 5AW Musa 5KS Nadia 5KS Naadirah 5KS Maisie 5KS Talha 5KS Isla 5KS

### Asterix - The Secret of the Magic Potion

Manida 1HLP/ TW Aryan 1HLP/ TW Idrees 1HLP/TW Safa 1HLP/TW Asad 1LJ Ayla 1LJ Zaara 1LJ Aliyah 1LJ Abdur Rahman 2AH Kamal 2AH Menaal 2AH Haniya 2AH Inaaya 2AT Amara 2AT Aisha 2AT Ahmad 3CL Maryam 4TB Izann 4TB Aleena 4JMC Adam 6AR Eesah 6AR Imran 6AR Haroon 6BR Mustaqeem 6BR Mario 6BR

<u>Whole Class Attendance</u>	<u>Spring Term 2024</u>	<u>Whole Class Lates Spring Term 2024</u>	
Nursery am	89.0%	Nursery am	21
Nursery pm	90.7%	Nursery pm	47
Rec SB	93.4%	Rec SB	60
Rec GR	90.7%	Rec GR	45
Year 1 HLP/TW	95.1%	1HLP/TW	55
Year 1 LJ	89.0%	1LJ	34
Year 2 AH	93.8%	2AH	33
Year 2 AT	95.1%	2AT	53
Year 3 SC	95.7%	3SC	52
Year 3 CL	95.2%	3CL	43
Year 4 TB	93.9%	4TB	44
Year 4 JMc	92.3%	4JMc	52
Year 5 AW	94.4%	5AW	61
Year 5 KS	93.6%	5KS	59
Year 6 EF	92.3%	6EF	64
Year 6 BR	96.2%	6BR	24
Year 6 AR	96.5%	6AR	13
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>93.5%</b>	<b>Total Lates</b>	<b>763</b>

First of all, can I take this opportunity to congratulate all of you who have made a huge effort to improve attendance and punctuality. It makes a huge difference to your school experience when you are attending every day and arrive at the same time as your friends. Keep up the good work and you will achieve great success, and may even get rewards, as mentioned above. This year, we are working with Newcastle United. Some of their junior players came in to talk to us about how important it is to be committed to training in order to achieve success. They said that you show your commitment, and respect for the coaches and your team members, by turning up to training every day and being on time. It is important to develop these good habits, as employers will also expect good attendance and timekeeping, no matter what your occupation. We will continue to work with NUFC and they are offering us the opportunity for one class to have a tour of St James' Park as a reward – hopefully the first of many. This term, I will award the certificate to Miss Rowan's class who have worked collaboratively and have achieved attendance which is above the national expectation. A brilliant achievement – well done!

Mrs Mullarkey