



Wingrove Primary School

Attendance Newsletter

Spring 2018



Welcome to the spring 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. Now the car park gates are locked in the morning, it is important to leave home a little earlier to make sure you arrive on time. 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**.

**HURRY!
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Overall Punctuality

Last term, we had **317** lates, a total of over **52 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 **96%**. We need to work very hard to keep this up.

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 **761** days were 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.**

So far, last term **48** pupils have contributed to **304** 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: Mrs Large's class with 97.2%

Key Stage 2: Mr Wilson's class with 98.9%.

Well done to both classes. They enjoyed a film afternoon.

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 class mates.









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. Salma in Mrs Reynolds' class won last half term and was awarded a collection of prizes.

Do you realise how much learning your child misses if they are late to school?

<i>LATE EACH DAY</i>		<i>LOST PER YEAR</i>
5 minutes		3 days
10 minutes		6.5 days
15 minutes		10 days
20 minutes		13 days
25 minutes		16 days
30 minutes		19 days

Happy New year to you all. I hope you managed to spend some family time together when the school was closed during the Christmas period. I am constantly encouraging the children to go out and visit places they've not been before and to spend time reading and practising the skills they have been acquiring in lesson times. Our school holidays are the best time to do this. Children are expected to attend school for 190 days of the year, and so they have 175 days to: spend time with family; go on holiday or have trips out. If you want your child to make the most of school and achieve the very best they can, you must ensure they attend every day. We can not support the taking of holidays during term time as it affects children's learning and sometimes makes it very difficult for them to settle back into school and friendship groups.

Seeing 96% attendance for last term's attendance is very good and we all now need to work really hard to continue with this. I always enjoy giving out awards and prizes in our special Gold Assembly each half term and I was especially pleased to award Salma with her prizes. I expect to see some of the wonderful craft things she makes arriving at school in the coming months. It is also good to see classes with 97.2% and 98.9%. The children always love their film and pop corn afternoons. It is great to see them working together as a team to encourage good attendance among their classmates.

I continue to enjoy greeting you all in the mornings outside school, and I am pleased to see fewer people arriving after the buzzer has sounded. Keep up the good work, even in the poor weather we all need to get to school in good time. We now have new clocks fixed on the wall outside. We had huge problems with the other ones and decided to replace them. Please use these to encourage your children to read the time and know when they need to be in their classes. Thank you for all your support with this.

Mrs Mullarkey