



The Head Teacher's Fortnightly Newsletter

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Easterside Academy
Giving the chance to shine

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Dear Parents / Carers,

As you know at Easterside Academy we like to **celebrate everyone's achievements**, however big or small! One of our rewards, like many other schools has been our 100% Attendance Award – the '**Easterside Experience**'. This reward has been met with **huge enthusiasm** by the children and has helped to improve our overall attendance as a school, as well as being a great motivator for some individual children too. Over the last two years, perhaps unknown to parents / Carers we have actually not only been giving the award to those with 100% but also those children that have just missed it at 99.5%. As a school we have decided this year to build upon this to ensure we're able to congratulate more of our children who have attended school as much as possible as well as arriving on time. Children will be invited to our 'Easterside Experience' therefore, if their **attendance and punctuality is 'exceptional'**. This will not only be those with 100% attendance but also include those that have not been far off and have excellent punctuality – this will now be called our termly '**Exceptional Attendance & Punctuality Award**'. We already have an '**Easterside Experience**' planned and booked for our Spring Term reward which we know the children will love!

Best Wishes

Mrs D Linacre

Attendance

Week Beg: 22/02/18 and 29/02/18.

The information below tells you the attendance % for each class, for the last two weeks.

Class	%	%
2	97.2	95.8
3	97.3	98.2
4	96.4	98.6
5	88.2	94.8
6	95.8	98.3
7	93.1	94.8
8	97.3	98.2
9	94.4	94.9
10	88.4	98.0
11	95.1	97.2
12	95.6	99.4

The classes have been coded against the national average.

Red – Below
Yellow – Borderline
Green – Average or above

Punctuality

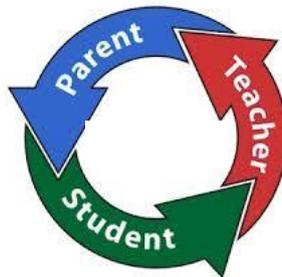
The information below tells you how many times a child has been late at each Key Stage in the last two weeks.

Rec/KS1	KS2
17	9
12	14

Please make sure your child comes to school on time!

Learning Conversations

Our Spring Term 'Learning Conversations' with pupils and parents will be coming up shortly after half term. Appointment letters will be given out then. It is extremely important that all parents / Carers attend this meeting with their child and class teacher.



Thank You!

Daily photos of the children learning both indoors and outdoors are put on our website and Twitter feed.



This week I shared with Governors the fantastic work that our volunteers do! We currently have 8. The Governors would like me to **thank all our volunteers** for the fantastic and valuable job they do in supporting pupils, families and staff.



We want all the children in our community to flourish, so we are introducing '**The Thrive Approach**' in order to support their **emotional and social development**. Our aim is to help your children feel happy and secure, able to enjoy friendships, relate well to others and be ready and able to learn.

Thrive is a specific way of working with all children that helps to develop their social and emotional well-being, enabling them to engage with **life and learning**. It supports them in becoming more **self-assured, capable and adaptable**. It can also address any troubled, or troubling, behaviours providing a firm foundation for academic attainment.

Positive relationships are at the heart of Thrive. We use these relationships, together with play and creative activities, to give children key experiences at each different stage of their development. Further information regarding 'Thrive' will come out shortly to parents.

Staff and governors are committed to the safeguarding and wellbeing of all the children in their care.

