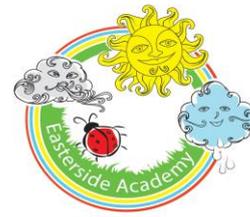




The Head Teacher's Fortnightly Newsletter

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Easterside Academy
Giving the chance to shine

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Dear Parents / Carers,

One of the key areas we continue to improve and work on at Easterside Academy is **attendance**. Your child's attendance and punctuality at school is a **strong factor** in the amount of progress your child makes – both in the short and long term. If a child has an odd day off here and there, or arrives late most days, they will most certainly miss learning that will then impact on their progress when they are in school. For example, they may have missed the explanation or method being taught the previous day; or missed the 'experience' that everyone else is now writing about! It can be very hard for children missing days off school to catch back up and it can knock their confidence!

Over the last four years we have really improved the school's attendance through a range of strategies that have included:

- ✓ Employing the services of 'Education Welfare Ltd'.
- ✓ 100% (or nearly) Attendance Awards and Experiences.
- ✓ Our initiative 'The 12 Days of Christmas Attendance' with lots of Christmas prizes and a Christmas Hamper for one lucky winner.
- ✓ Weekly Trophies in our Celebration Assemblies.
- ✓ Attendance badges.
- ✓ Creating an engaging curriculum that children want to come to school for.

All through last year our attendance continued to improve and at one point was the highest it's ever been at 96%! However governors were disappointed to see that in the Summer Term the number of children out on holidays had suddenly increased and as a result had a huge impact on attendance across the school. As a school we currently don't issue fines for holidays, but as a result of last year's attendance, this is now something that the governing body are closely monitoring. Please try to avoid your child having 'days off' unless they are genuinely ill, and be very mindful of taking holidays in school time. **Thank you for your support and look at this week's attendance – mostly in the green! Great start!**

I will keep parents fully informed of any decisions governors make.

Best Wishes

Mrs D Linacre

Attendance

Week Beg: 02/10/17 and 09/10/17.

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

Class	%	%
2	98.1	96.3
3	97.3	97.7
4	96.8	95.9
5	96.8	95.3
6	97.5	99.1
7	98.2	97.4
8	98.1	97.2
9	95.3	94.4
10	90.3	76.9
11	97.8	97.8
12	91.3	95.6

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
18	27
11	19

Please make sure your child comes to school on time!

The remaining PD days at Easterside Academy are:

Monday 4th December and Friday 26th January

Monday 13th November has now been cancelled and rearranged due to circumstances out of our control. I apologise in advance for any inconvenience this may have caused.

SAFEGUARDING - ROAD SAFETY REMINDER

This week there was an incident outside school where a KS2 child ran out of the school gate and across the school's entrance without looking, almost resulting in a collision with a car. As a school we are reminding children about keeping themselves safe and remembering to cross the roads safely. We have also contacted the police and Local Authority in regard to the incident.

Please remind your children to leave school safely.

Year 3's will shortly be having pedestrian training in the local area.



Congratulations!
Well done to the 10 parents that completed our first aid course last week!

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

