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Look Who's Back

Dear parents/ guardians,

In 2015 the government introduced new legislation stating that all children must have an attendance rate above 95% for each school year. It is worth remembering that:

- If a child has 95% attendance, this still equates to nearly **two** weeks absence in a year.
- If a child has 90% attendance, this still equates to nearly **four** weeks absence in a year.
- If a child has 85% attendance, this still equates to nearly **six** weeks absence in a year.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank-you for your continued support with attendance and punctuality so far this year. The attendance rate for Autumn term 2018 was one of the highest the school has ever had for many years.

We feel this is due to:

- 1) Continued healthy lifestyles led by your children
- 2) Letting the school know about any absence on the first day of absence.
- 3) Not taking any holiday in term time
- 4) Communicating with us about any attendance concerns. If your child is unwell and you are not sure whether to send them in, it is well worth a call to us to talk through the options available. We have trained medical staff in school who can assist with medication and medication.
- 5) Knowing there is no need to keep children off school following a sickness, if they are well, they come to school.
- 6) Understanding the importance of being in school on time.

Unfortunately the attendance in the Spring term has dipped. Any child with attendance under 95% may be referred to the Educations Welfare officer (EWO).

For the children, we welcome back BAP bear and MIA the monkey. BAP stands for Best Attendance and Punctuality and is awarded to the class with the best attendance each week, the class also gets to sit on a bench in assembly. MIA stands for Most Improved Attendance and will be awarded to the class making the most attendance improvement each week- they also get to sit on a bench in assembly.

If you have any attendance concerns please feel free to continue to talk to myself or your child's class teacher, we are committed to your child's care and welfare and would really appreciate your continued support and co-operation with this.

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