

## Attendance

We believe in celebrating good attendance with the children so they are aware of how important this is to their learning and social skills.

Evidence shows that those children who attend school regularly make better progress academically and socially. To help a child achieve full attendance, parents and carers play a critical role in helping us promote good attitudes towards attendance.

Together, it is important we ensure that children are present at every opportunity, arriving on time, and not being taken out of the academy without authorisation. A child's attendance is monitored closely, and we will follow up unexplained absences, offering support and ways in which we can help improve their attendance.

We appreciate all your help and support with your child's attendance. We want to work together to ensure that your child achieves to the best of their ability and doesn't unnecessarily miss any learning.

# Mental Health support

Further to the weekly Time To and personal, social and health education sessions, all teachers and school leaders recently attended "Emotion Coaching" training. The purpose of this is to equip staff with greater skills which they can use to support children who may be in a state of emotional crisis.

Our Mental Health Champion pupil-team are also taking a version of this training with Mr Foster. So far, children have learned how they can train themselves to show empathy and understanding when supporting others whilst also avoiding some simple mistakes, too.



In future sessions, pupils will be learning how to "say the right things" when a friend or peer is in need of help.

November 2021

# Christmas Parties

Despite the current restrictions, we are still able to let children attend class-parties during the final week of term. Please keep an eye out for communications regarding the exact date for your child.

### Christmas activities

Children are learning about Christmas (alongside other religious festivals) in class and in school assemblies. Whilst we would have loved to have had nativity and other plays this year, the current covid restrictions in-school prevent us from mixing classes together for long periods of time and also prevent us from having audiences in school.

We are totally focussed on supporting pupils with the curriculum due to the missed learning over the last 20 months - please rest-assured that we are making the most of each minute in school, whilst also finding time to have fun, too!

#### School Term

Please remember that the last day of term is Thursday 16th December.



