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Dear Parents and Children,

On the back of this newsletter I have given details of term dates for the rest of this school year and for school year 2017/18. Please make sure that you refer to these dates when booking holidays or planning appointments as holidays in term time will not be authorised under any circumstances.

The attendance targets for both schools are as follows: St Sebastian's must aim for 98% by the end of the summer term and St Cuthbert's must aim for 97%. These figures have been set by the Local Authority and our School Improvement Partner and are based on the levels we achieved in 2015/16. The current figure for St Sebastian's is 96.5% and for St Cuthbert's it's 95.3%. As you can see we have dropped significantly below our expected targets – WE NEED YOUR HELP TO FIX THIS.

Unfortunately, the children in both schools have been affected by *bugs* in recent weeks. St Sebastian's children were affected by a tummy bug and St Cuthbert's children were affected by the same tummy bug and now there is quite a large outbreak of chickenpox! All of this means that we have to work doubly hard to pull this back and boost our attendance levels before the end of the summer term. Please help your school by making sure that you only keep your children off when they are genuinely too ill to attend.

May I take this opportunity to remind you that it is your responsibility to contact school if your child is off sick. Please contact St Sebastian's school office on 0151 260 9697 or St Cuthbert's school office on 0151 228 4137 as appropriate by 9.30am.

If you would like to discuss any of the above or anything else to do with attendance, please contact me via the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Freda Turner  
Attendance officer

## **Term Dates 2016/2017**

### **Spring term**

**Term ends: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

### **Summer Term**

**Term begins: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

**May Day: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017**

**Half term: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017**

**Term ends: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017**

***Inset days: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May & 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017 - Children do not attend on these days***

## **Term Dates 2017/2018**

### **Autumn Term 2017**

**Term begins: Monday, 4 September 2017**

**Half term: Monday, 23 to Friday, 27 October 2017**

**Term ends: Thursday, 21 December 2017**

### **Spring Term 2018**

**Term begins: Monday, 8 January 2018**

**Half term: Monday, 12 to Friday, 16 February 2018**

**Term ends: Friday, 23 March 2018**

### **Summer Term 2018**

**Term begins: Monday, 9 April 2018**

**May Day: Monday, 7 May 2018**

**Half Term: Monday, 28 May to Friday, 1 June 2018**

**Term ends: Tuesday, 24 July 2018**

***There will be 5 inset days when children do not attend. You will be advised of these as soon as they are set.***