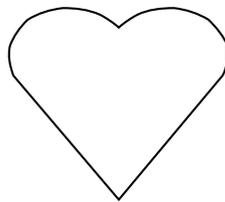


**SAD NEWS:**

We received terrible news shortly after the end of last term that one of our former pupils, Emily Bannister passed away after a brave battle with cancer. Emily (who was known as Emily Holmes during her time at the school) left Holy Trinity in the summer of 2016 to go to high school and was diagnosed with her illness shortly afterwards. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and in particular her sister Georgina and brother Henry who are pupils at Holy Trinity.

At Emily's funeral the following words from A.A. Milne were handed out on a heart-shaped piece of paper. These words sum up the inspirational way that Emily faced her treatment and battled her illness until the end.

**"You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think"**



**CLASS 3B AND CLASS 6Ba PARENTS' MEETINGS**

The parents' meetings with Mrs Bolton and Mrs Barnes, postponed from the original date, will take place on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January. The original appointment times will be used unless a different arrangement has been made.

**If you are unable to attend please let the school office know by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January at the latest so that your child's teacher does not have to waste time in preparation for a meeting that will not be taking place.**

**ATTENDANCE AT THE END OF THE AUTUMN TERM:**

The attendance rate on the final day of last term was disappointingly low. In particular there were a number of cases where all of the children in a family were absent together. It is extremely rare that all of the children in a family are ill at the exact same time.

**Please be aware that the rules for attendance apply to every school day, including the last day of a term. It is not an opportunity to have a day off and a parent allowing their child to be absent without a good reason is breaking the law.**

If, following investigation, there is not sufficient evidence that a child was absent on the last day of term due to illness, then such absences will be recorded as unauthorised. This can lead to enforcement action being taken by the School Attendance Team and Lancashire County Council.

A number of parents have received Fixed Penalty Notices or further court action this school year due to their child's unauthorised absence from school. Please avoid this by ensuring that your child does not miss a single day of school without good reason.

The attendance monitoring system is able to identify absence patterns very precisely and the number of absences a child has in the last few days of each half-term will be looked at closely throughout the rest of the year



