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Dear parents,

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You may have already heard from your child that we have two new members of the SJB family! We have a couple of attendance cuddly toy lambs that have been already causing a stir by taking over Mr Chamberlin's office. The children are currently in the process of voting on names, and the suggestions so far have been very interesting!

The class that receives the highest attendance percentage for that week will win one of the lambs to loan (until the following Friday's assembly) alongside a diary to keep on behalf of the lamb. If you are lucky enough to have a lamb stay over at your home, it would be lovely if your child could read to them and record a summary of their stay in its diary, including how it was involved in the family routine; maybe sitting at the dinner table with the family- although we advise that lamb chops are not on the menu that evening! The attendance race between each class will be displayed, and the winning class at the end of every term will have a mufti day. Those children that have long term sickness will not have their attendance percentage included in their class' results.

Individual rewards:

- ✓ The children that achieve outstanding attendance of 100% for the rest of the spring term will receive a gold 100% badge and the opportunity to win a £10 book token.
- ✓ The children that achieve excellent attendance of 98% or above for the rest of the spring term will be rewarded with a silver badge.
- ✓ The children that achieve 100% attendance, from next week to near the end of the summer term, will be rewarded with a special event!

At St John the Baptist Junior School, our value states that we aim for all pupils to achieve 'Life in all its fullness' and if pupils are not regularly attending school, they will be unable to access the full range of opportunities available to them, will have gaps in their learning and may struggle to make and maintain friendships. We therefore place very high importance on regular school attendance, and will take swift action to ensure parents fulfil their responsibilities in maintaining good attendance. I will make contact with families, where there is an increase in absences, in order to work together in implementing and supporting strategies.

On a side note, I would like to take this opportunity to say that my first month at St. John the Baptist Junior School has been a delight; the children are so polite, inquisitive and kind and I look forward to continuing to work in such a friendly community where the well-being and individuality of children is valued so highly.

Best wishes,

Miss K. Hodge

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