



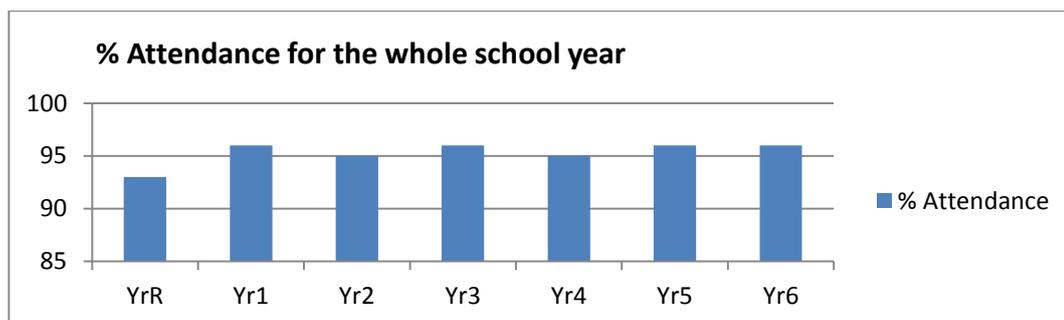
NEWSLETTER – Monday 20th July 2015

Stars of the Week

R – Logan & Ilinca. Y1 – Sam & Mia. Y2 – Osman & Ali. Y3 – Shiloh & Giuseppe. Y4 – Victor & Kieran. Y5 – Levine & Saifullah. Y6 – James & Emily. Well done to all our Stars!

Attendance for the year

Considering that good attendance is measured at 95% nationally, our attendance this year has been really good. Well done to years 1, 3, 5 and 6 for having all achieved an average attendance of 96%. We will continue to track and monitor attendance during the next academic year where we will be aiming for even higher percentages.



End of term message from the Head

I can hardly believe that the end of the academic year is here! The months since January have literally flown by. It is now time for reflection, a bit of a rest and serious strategic planning for the new academic year ahead.

Those of you who attended the talent show would have heard me talk about two key words:

Confidence and Opportunity

I believe that these two words encapsulate the most important aspects of a successful and happy school. Children need confidence. Confidence in their own abilities, confidence in adults around them, confidence in their friends and confidence in their learning. I have seen so many examples of this during the last since months; so many examples of children exuding confidence – from the Nursery children who have boldly walked into my office to show me their writing to the Year 6 student proudly showing off a gymnastics medal achieved during a weekend competition. It is this confidence that needs to be nurtured, so that children can explain what they are learning securely, ask questions bravely, evaluate their work honestly and celebrate their successes reflectively. However, there is no use for confidence if there are no opportunities. It is our duty, as the adults who care for and teach our children, to shape and provide these opportunities. As a school, this is what we want to offer your child: as many well thought out and educationally rich opportunities as possible including opportunities to work co-operatively with their peers. Our teachers work tirelessly to achieve this and I can only thank them for all they do. We want you, as parents, to be a firm part of providing these high quality opportunities next academic year. We want you to be a part of our school; we value and welcome your opinions and suggestions and we will use these to enhance your children's learning for the better. I look forward to September as I know the teachers do too and hope to have as many of you as possible involved in our school.

Have a peaceful and relaxing summer with your children.

PJ Prince

DIARY DATES

July

Tuesday 21st July – School breaks up for summer holidays at *2pm*

September

Tues 1st & Wed 2nd Sept – Staff training days. No children in school.

Thursday 3rd Sept – Term starts.



WGPS
Work Grow Play Succeed

High Elms Petition

You will notice over the forthcoming weeks that there is a petition calling for High Elms Road to become a one way street. This will really help to ease the congestion in the mornings and afternoons and generally make the routes around the school safer for children and parents. Please sign our petition, which is available at the school office, in the playground and from the local businesses around the school.

Fete Update

PTA has raised over £3,000 during this year's Summer Fete. Once again a massive thank you to parents who supported this event as well as the members of the PTA and staff for offering up their time to make this event such a success.

Summer Reading Challenge

Join us for a summer of reading! Your local Library will be hosting a reading challenge over the summer holidays. You can sign up at your local library, then read six books of your choice, collecting stickers and other rewards along the way – all FREE. Parents and carers can read with younger children and volunteers will be at libraries handing out prizes and stickers. Details can be found at <http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk>

Dinner Monies

Please can all parents and carers make sure that their payments for school dinners are up-to-date before the end of tomorrow. Thank you.

Haven House

A big thank you to all who supported our Haven House fund raising – we raised £180.94. Well done.