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Weekly Update: Tuesday 16th November

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Today is the last of our parent evening appointments for this term. We will update you further with an end of term report on the last week of term.

Last week, I updated you with a list of different fundraising events that are taking place by both the school and the PTA. Some of the events are raising funds for the school and others for various charities. I would like to reiterate that whilst we are appreciative of all donations, no child will be left out of any planned school event. We appreciate that every family will be in a different financial situation. We are also here to support families, so if any families in our community require any support either now or in the future, then come and speak with us. We will either be able to arrange support or signpost you to the right places if more appropriate.

Covid Update

We have no further cases shared with us today.

Social Media

Last year, our big project was to update our website and this year we will be working on using the Twitter and Facebook pages to highlight more of what is going on at school on a day to day basis. The content will be duplicated on both pages, so it is more of a personal preference for families. For families who do not use social media, the content can still be viewed using the Twitter link below. There is also a direct link to both accounts on the school website.

<https://twitter.com/aldryngton>

Attendance

Rather unsurprisingly, high rates of attendance at school correlates with the highest rates of progress. Whilst we would never want to see an unwell child struggling at school, we also have a duty of care to ensure that all children attend school when they can. We recognise that from time to time children get ill, so we set a minimum target of 97% attendance for the school. We track attendance of children and monitor closely when attendance drops below 90%. Attendance below this figure is classified as persistently absent.

With the exception of Covid-related absence, we have sent letters to families where attendance is below 90%. The aim of this letter is to highlight families to that fact and that attendance will be monitored for improvement over the next four weeks. We will then either send a well done letter for improvement in attendance or a second letter to say that we remain concerned and will continue to monitor.

At this stage of the term, each day of absence carries a higher percentage of absence. The table below (taken from our attendance policy) gives you an overview of attendance levels:

Attendance	Description	Approx. days lost per year	Approx. weeks lost per year
99-100%	Excellent	0-4	Less than 1
97-98%	Good	5-9	1-2
96%	Satisfactory	10-13	2-3
90-95%	Unsatisfactory	14-18	3-4
Below 90%	Persistent Absence	More than 19	More than 4



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As mentioned earlier, when looking at attendance rates, we factor in Covid related illness or isolation when a close contact. We would also like to reiterate that any child with Covid related symptoms should remain at home and obtain a PCR test.

Parent Survey

A reminder that if you are yet to so, we would be extremely grateful if families could provide the school with some feedback using the questionnaire on the link below. It will help us to identify areas of strength and further target areas to improve based upon the feedback provided. We will be able to consider all feedback that is provided by 9am on Friday 19th November. Thank you once again for your time and support.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=csjAc7HEJ0Kc_2uhy-85PNbPFFIStc9Aga17IUG0ofBUQURNWjdZWVdLTVZCU05CT0I4WDVKVTVCWC4u

Yours sincerely

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