Quite a few people have commented on how happy our children are coming into school. I can certainly vouch for this on the gate each morning seeing their smiling faces during meet and greet. I think this is a lovely positive for our school.

Ms Grace

Attendance...

As we start the new year I would like to draw your attention to the attendance monitoring process. The strap line 'every school day counts' is an important one and as much as we would love children to be in every day we also understand that when children are ill they need to be at home to recover. So, just to give you an idea of the attendance expectations, any child having more than seven and a half days absent in any one school year will fall into the need for monitoring.

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<th>Days in school over the year</th>
<th>Percentage attendance</th>
<th>Days absence this adds up to</th>
<th>What our actions are</th>
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<td>190</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>This is expected attendance</td>
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<tr>
<td>Less than 182.5</td>
<td>Less than 96%</td>
<td>7.5 days or more</td>
<td>Once this threshold is fallen below we will start to monitor attendance</td>
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<td>Less than 175</td>
<td>Less than 92%</td>
<td>15 days or more</td>
<td>Once this threshold is fallen below we will start to monitor attendance more formally</td>
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<td>Less than 171</td>
<td>Less than 90%</td>
<td>19 days or more</td>
<td>This is classed as 'persistent absence' and attendance management systems will be followed</td>
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Next week we are going to start publishing the attendance for each class and the school as a whole. This will show the attendance for the week and the accumulated attendance for the school year so far. This will feed into the celebration assembly on a Friday afternoon where we will celebrate the classes who are meeting the attendance expectations of 96% and better.

If your child is going to be absent from school please contact school on each morning by either leaving a message on the school answer machine, stating your child’s name, class and reason for absence or by speaking to someone in the office. If no contact has been made with school it may result in a welfare check due to school having responsibility for the welfare and safeguarding of all our children.

Events and news...

The Book People will be visiting our school with their Book Bus on Thursday 10th October 2019. All children will have a chance to visit the bus with a chance to purchase a book for home. Parent/carers will have an opportunity to also visit the bus with their child after school. Further details to follow.

Huddersfield Town Football Club - Annual firework display event – Sunday 27th October 2019

Huddersfield Town Foundation would like to invite children to take part in the firework safety poster competition.

Full information will be uploaded to the school website and available to view in the classroom entrances.

Closing Date Thursday 26th September.

Open Evening for High School Year 7 Entry 2020 – Thursday 3rd October 2019

Castle Hall Academy – 4pm – 8pm

Mirfield Free Grammar School - 6pm – 9pm

Tempest Photography – Monday 7th October 2019 – Individual & family photos

Harvest Festival Assembly – Monday 21st October 2019 – 12:45-3:15pm - Parent/carers invited to attend.

Reminders.....

Year 6 – Online applications for High School to be in by 31st October 2019.

Pantomime consents and payments must be received no later than 30th September 2019 via Parentpay.