

22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

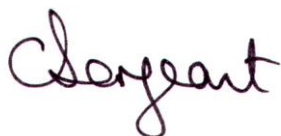
We are writing to remind you of the importance of regular school attendance for your child. Absences from school seriously affect a child's learning, development and progress, only a few days absence can make a big difference, our progressive curriculum means that every lesson counts and just like a jigsaw puzzle each piece is essential to form the end picture. For your child to reach their potential in school they need to be in every day and on time. The more time a child misses in school the more gaps they will have in their learning which can be hard to catch up with. This is a whole school initiative and teachers will be discussing this at class level with your child.

Our current school attendance is **94.5%** which is significantly lower than the Local Authority's target for school of **97%**. In the hope of improving this figure we are launching our Christmas attendance initiative. This year all those children who have 100% attendance between **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Nov** and **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec** will be entered into a draw to win one of 4 £50 Argos vouchers. The class who have the best attendance during this period of time will win individual prizes.

Christmas is such an exciting time in the school year, daily activities and events have been planned to ensure that Christmas is a time for making memories, please give your child every opportunity to experience this joy by bringing them in daily.

If you are experiencing any difficulties with your child's attendance then we urge you to contact us so we can offer any support and advice you may need.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Sergeant