



93.3%

ATTENDANCE

We have reduced the number of children that are identified by the government as being persistently absent from 23 to 15. Good work, Team Sandbrook, but we can do even better! Is your child's absence the reason that we are still only at 93.3% attendance instead of at our target of 97%? Did they really need to be absent?

THE GOOD NEWS

Congratulations to years 3, 6 and The Learning Hub who have all won the weekly attendance trophy since my last newsletter. If you want to see who is winning the attendance race for each week then please pop into the school foyer to see where your child's class race car is.



THE BAD NEWS

For those families that received an amber or red registration certificate for their child at the start of the Easter holiday, **I am watching you.** I have already carried out attendance panel meetings with 4 families and sent out warning letters to another 12.



A representative from the local authority has today informed me that they will now be issuing fixed penalty notices to families that have 5 full days of unauthorised absences instead of the 10 that it was previously. As a school we certainly do not want the local authority to have to take such drastic action so please continue to work with us and improve our children's attendance.

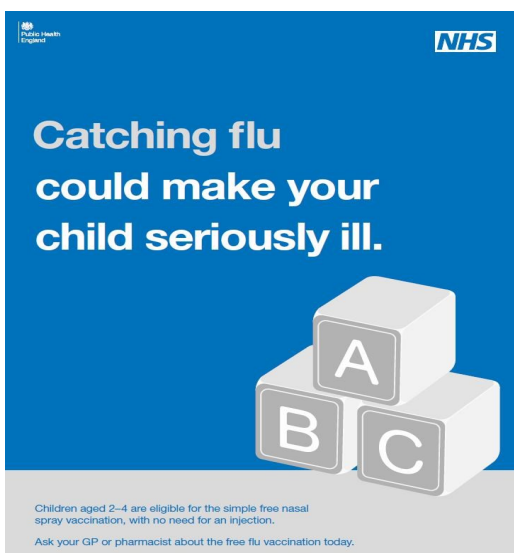
THEY ALL WANT TO BE HERE AT SANDBROOK PRIMARY!

WEEKLY ADVICE

Home is where the heart is but it could also be where the harm is. Did you know that 15.3 million homes are at risk of 'Toxic Home Syndrome?' This is where our health deteriorates due to ineffective home cleaning and ventilation. Could *this* be one of the reasons that your children are becoming unwell? Here are a few things to think about when trying to keep your home and your children healthy:



1. Leave your shoes at the door so that dirt and pollen will not be spread throughout your home.
2. Change your shower curtain regularly and avoid vinyl. Mould is a serious cause of illness in children and loves to grow in your bathroom.
3. Use a disinfectant spray when wiping surfaces to ensure that germs are killed and not simply spread around.
4. When family members become ill, make sure that they are using their own towels and regularly wash their hands. We don't want to share everything.
5. Make sure that your home is also effectively ventilated.
6. Carpets can be home to lots of nasty surprises so make sure that your vacuum cleaner is up to the job and used regularly.



For further information visit the NHS website:
<http://www.myhealthmyhome.com/>