

NEWSLETTER 3

FRIDAY 11th MAY

We increased our whole school cumulative percentage from 93% to 93.5% in the space of two weeks!!

SANDBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

However, the number of children that are identified as being persistently absent has increased from 15 to 17. That is not the way we want our numbers to go. Was it because of your family?



Wow!! Look at all of the Sandbrook children that currently have 100% attendance. These children have been in school for every morning and afternoon session and have organised medical appointments around registration times. This is an incredible

achievement, well done. If these children are able to keep this up, then they will be provided an attendance badge and will become Mr Mervyn's attendance monitors. Keep an eye out for my next newsletter that will show the children that have 100% attendance for this half term.

THE BAD NEWS

As well as looking at families whose children have a yearly attendance of less than 90%, I now need to turn my attention to those families whose children have a yearly attendance percentage between 90%-93%. After half term, these



children will be put on our new 'Attendance Passport Scheme,' and if your child falls into this category then they will be provided with a weekly attendance passport. These children will need to come and see me at the beginning of every school day to have their passport stamped. At the end of each week their new yearly attendance percentage will be recorded on the back of their passport and if it meets the 95% target then they will no longer require a passport.

WEEKLY ADVICE

Did you know that Saturday 5th May was world hand washing day? Of course, we are not suggesting that we only wash our hands on 5th May. The purpose of this day was to spread awareness of the importance of washing our hands. Could this help your child improve their health and attendance?



What are germs?

Germs are very tiny creatures that live on animals, plants and people. They are so small that you need a microscope to see them. Whatever you did today, you probably touched some germs. Some of those germs can make you sick.

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HEALTH CARE

Germs can live in all kinds of places. They can live on your hands, on your school desk or on the kitchen counter at home. Germs can live in these places for a long time, and you can pass germs along to anyone or anything you touch.



Sick of germs? Wash your hands!

Washing your hands is easy and fun. Anyone can do it. But if you follow a few simple rules, you have an even better chance of not getting sick. Here's how to do it:

- 1. Make sure the water is warm, not cold or hot.
- 2. Always use soap and rub your hands together to make bubbles!
- 3. Make sure to wash under your nails and around your wrist.
- Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds. A good way to tell how long it has been is to sing the "Happy Birthday" song twice while washing.



When should you wash?

Because germs are so small that you can't see them, it can be hard to know when to wash your hands. That's why it is good to always wash your hands after you do certain things.

Always wash your hands:

after you use the bathroom;

- before you eat breakfast, lunch, dinner or snacks;
- after you sneeze or blow your nose;
- after you cough;
- after playing with a pet;
- after playing outside; and
- after being around a friend or family member who is sick.

