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Hello and welcome back,

September is nearly at its end and I thought it was time that I remind everyone how important it is that your children have green attendance (97%+). It has been wonderful to see how committed you and the children are to improving our whole school attendance and I even heard that one of children told his mum to change the time of an appointment so that he could still get his 100%. What a guy!!

As you know, last year our whole school attendance was 94.1%, falling just short of the government's target of 95%. Well, this year we are going to surpass that and achieve **97%**!

Your child's class teacher will have discussed your child's specific attendance percentage with you during your parents' meeting, but if you need any support please organise a meeting to come and see me. We are here to help when we can. Mr Mervyn

UNAUTHORISED ABSENCES

Looking at our attendance data from last year, if our school had **0** unauthorised absences then our whole school attendance would have been...**97.6%**. So what do **YOU** need to do this year?



1. Phone in every absence that your child has — before 8:45am.
2. Do not organise holidays in term time.
3. Complete a holiday request form before a holiday is taken (holidays will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances).
4. Familiarise yourself with the new attendance policy document that can be found on the school website.

A reminder: As we reminded you in our previous newsletters any family that allow their child(s) to accumulate 5 days of unauthorised absences (including holidays) will receive a fixed penalty notice, per child, per parent. This is in line with the local authority attendance policy.



Let's Stay Healthy

Our year 4/5 class have been learning about oral hygiene and how to look after their own teeth. Below is a an information text written by Cole. Did you know that sharing a tooth brush could lead to diseases and illnesses being passed between members of your family?

TEETH!

Why do we need to look after our teeth?

You need to look after your teeth because after your baby teeth, your teeth are permanent. If they fall out, you need to pay a lot of money. Also, you will have injections, filling, drills and other things. We only have two sets of teeth and our lost set are permanent, your teeth and tongue need to be brushed twice a day so you don't get plaque.

Plaque breaks down into acids that eat away tooth decay, which makes holes called cavities which can be sore or cause tooth loss. If you don't brush your teeth you can get gum disease. It looks like this!

What do our teeth look like?
What are they used for?

We have four different types of teeth we have: Incisors, Canine, premolars and molars. Canines tear your food, Incisors bite, premolars crush and Molars chew.

How do you look after your own teeth?

To look after your teeth you need a toothbrush with lots of bristles and toothpaste with 1450 ppm fluoride. Brush your teeth for 4-6 minutes a day; once in the morning and once in the night (not too late though). Brush your teeth gums and tongue twice a day, save all sugar until meal times and visit the dentist 2 times a year.

Does your child have their own toothbrush?