



POTT SHRIGLEY CHURCH SCHOOL

HEADS UP!

23rd November 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

This week's news is all about ATTENDANCE. The Local Authority have identified that we are below national average in terms of our attendance figures. Whilst the flexi-schooling policy accounts for some of this, there are a number of children missing school for other reasons. Please take a moment to look at the following.....

Attendance percentages can be misleading.

100% Attendance	0 Days Missed	Excellent
95% Attendance	9 Days of Absence 1 Week and 4 Days of Learning Missed	Satisfactory
90% Attendance	19 Days of Absence 3 Weeks and 4 Days of Learning Missed	Poor
85% Attendance	28 Days of Absence 5 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed	Very Poor
80% Attendance	38 Days of Absence 7 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed	Unacceptable
75% Attendance	46 Days of Absence 9 Weeks and 1 Day of Learning Missed	Unacceptable

For some parents, 90% may seem like an acceptable level of attendance, but the reality is that 90% attendance means that your child will miss half a school day each week or 19 days of school during the school year – that's nearly 4 school weeks.

There are 170 days per year not spent at school. This allows plenty of time for family activities, shopping, holidays, appointments etc. Whilst I realise that this may not be a popular message with some people, we really would encourage you to send your child into school unless, of course, they are really poorly or you have genuine medical reasons for missing school. We would always advocate children attending school as much as possible in order to experience a wide range of educational opportunities (not just academic – social, moral, cultural, spiritual etc.). We have no capacity to catch the children up with what they have missed when they return to school (the class moves on in their learning every day) and this could result in large gaps in their learning. If they feel a bit sad/tired/have a bit of a sore throat, could we politely suggest that they have a dose of *Calpol*, bring in a few throat sweets and we will apply TLC at the same time as teaching them?

Please make sure that you contact the office to let us know if your child is unwell, before 9.15am.

Many thanks for your continuing support.

Hope you have an interesting weekend.

Kind regards

Ms J Bromley

Dates for next week include:

- Tuesday 27th November – Music Lessons
- Thursday 29th November – Reception visit to Bollington Library
Cricket
Full Governing Body Meeting
- Friday 30th November – Forest Schools
5pm Christmas Fair!!! There is a list on the front door where you can check that you have been assigned the right task or for you to join in and sign up!
If you feel inclined to do some baking, donations of cakes for the cake stall would be welcomed on Friday morning