



POTT SHRIGLEY CHURCH SCHOOL

HEADS UP!

28th February 2020

Welcome back to school everyone, hope you all had a lovely half term despite the abysmal weather. The children have had a quiet week, focusing on their work with none of the usual distractions.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone about the importance of good attendance at school and encourage punctuality. When the children arrive late, they have missed the meet and greet and togetherness of coming in as a class. It may not be obvious but that in itself makes them feel different if everyone else has already settled down when they arrive. A recent meeting with governors highlighted some poor levels of attendance for individuals so we have decided to inform parents of children with below 92% attendance mid-way through the year in future. This will give parents a chance to reflect and possibly come into school to discuss if necessary.

We are not suggesting that you bring children to school when they are genuinely poorly but to consider the impact on their education of taking days off for holidays, birthdays or if they simply don't feel like coming to school. Please see information below from our attendance policy, which can be found on the school website:

From Cheshire East guidelines:

Why attendance at school and punctuality is important

- 98% attendance means that your child has missed 4 days in the school year
- 95% attendance means that your child has missed 10 days in the school year
- 90% attendance means that your child has missed 19 days in the school year
- 80% attendance means that your child has missed 38 days in the school year
 - 5 minutes late each day means three whole days lost each year
- Attendance affects learning, future earning, wellbeing and a sense of belonging

For more information, please see

https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-attendance/school_attendance.aspx

We will also be sending out letters to keep you informed should your child be late (after 9.10am) for 5% or more of the time. We understand that occasionally unforeseen circumstances make people late; this is rather about persistent lateness, which has an impact on the children as outlined above.

We look forward to seeing you all for parents evening next Tuesday.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards
Joanne Bromley

Dates for week commencing 2nd March include:

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| Monday 2 nd March | - | Y6 Booster Club 3.30 – 4.30pm |
| Tuesday 3 rd March | - | Swimming |
| | - | Parents' Evening 3.40 – 6 pm |
| Wednesday 4 th March | - | Child Road Safety Talk – Whole School |
| | - | Movie Night – tickets available from school office £3 |
| Thursday 5 th March | - | World Book Day |
| | - | Class 2 to Halle for Youth Concert am |
| | - | Sale Sharks - Whole School |
| | - | Tag Rugby Coaching |
| | - | Ukulele/Guitar Lessons 2.45 – 3.15pm |
| Friday 6 th March | - | Macclesfield Substation |

