

# **CPS Attendance Newsletter**

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#### A is for Attendance!

Firstly, and most importantly, a HUGE well done and thank you to the 71 children who have 100% attendance for the

academic year to date. This is fantastic in the current climate. The Department for Education tracks attendance carefully and our aim is to have an attendance figure at least as good as the attendance figure we had pre-COVID and better than the national average Our attendance figure YTD is 94.13% and leaves us with a gap to close! Attendance is categorised into red, amber and green.

GREEN - 255 (52.8%) of our pupils are on Green

AMBER – 148 (30.6%) of our pupils are on Amber

RED -80 (16.6%) of our pupils are on Red.

Below 90%
Serious Concern.
Persistent absence.

90 - 95.9%
Concern. Low
Attendance.

At least 96%
Expected
attendance.

Expected attendance means having no more than seven days off this school year!

We encourage all parents to send their children into school wherever possible but of course attendance levels can be affected by illness, including upset stomachs. If they have a tummy bug (with sickness and/or diarrhoea), please keep your child off school until they have been symptom-free for 48 hours. This prevents the bug spreading throughout the school community and having a significant, adverse effect on attendance levels for both children and staff. However, the 48-hour rule does not automatically apply if they are exhibiting any sickness and/or diarrhoea symptoms, as we are aware these can also be caused by anxiety, allergies or your child having eaten something that disagrees with them and, in which case, they are not contagious and can return to school as soon as they are fit to attend. We would just kindly ask that you be honest with us and not send your child into school for 48 hours if you suspect the symptoms are because they have a tummy bug.

## **New Year, New Resolution!**

Small changes can make a big difference! Why not consider packing your child's school bag or lunchbox the night before? Or setting the alarm clock ten minutes earlier? These small changes can help everyone to be ready to leave home in good time, arrive at school punctually and be ready for the day ahead.

### Who has been looking after the School Attendance Matters (SAM) Bears?

Week ending:	<b>EYFS</b>	KS1	KS2
26 November 2021	RLJ	1/2PR	6SW
17 December 2021	RLJ	3WR	4KB
14 January 2022	RLW	<b>3SS</b>	4KB
21 January 2022	RLJ	1/2TO	4KB
28 January 2022	RGT	1/2TO	5AV

Please remember to ask your child on Fridays which classes have won!





## **Medical/Dentist Appointments**

Where possible, routine medical & dentist appointments should be arranged for outside of school hours or for during the school holidays to cause minimum disruption to your child's education. If this is not possible, please only remove your child from school for the minimum time required to attend the appointment. Consider sending them in before and after the appointment, where practical. Unfortunately, if you choose to remove them for the whole day and we don't believe this is essential, we will have to unauthorise the non-essential part of the absence.