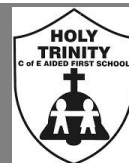


HTFS NEWS



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"5 minutes late!"

Being frequently late for school adds up to lost learning:

5 minutes late each day means three whole days lost each year

5 minutes late each day across a child's whole school life is the same as half a term missed.

Arriving 15 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year.

Arriving 30 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 19 days a year.

10 days absence = 95% attendance

19 days absence = 90% attendance

29 days absence = 85% attendance

38 days absence = 80% attendance

47 days absence = 75% attendance

Research has shown that:

Children with over 90% attendance at school are more likely to gain 5 or more A-C GCSEs or equivalent qualifications.

Children with less than 85% attendance at school are unlikely to gain 5 A-C GCSEs or any qualifications.

17 days missed from school each year equates to a whole GCSE grade

What does it mean for your child?

When your child comes in at 8.55, the rest of the class is settled, they have already missed out on the social side of school – meeting their friends, catching up with their news.

When your child comes in at 9.00 they will walk into an empty corridor and hang their coat up. All the others are in the classroom sitting listening to the teacher. The teacher will have started to explain about the day. Your child will be embarrassed, unsettled and less confident than their classmates who know what they have to do.

School starts at 8.50 – please don't disadvantage your child by being late for school!

What do we aim for?

We want every child to have at least average attendance (96%+); obviously no-one wants a poorly child in school but please think carefully before keeping children off. Our Educational Welfare Officer checks attendance figures regularly and is able to offer support to parents who are finding it tricky to get children into school (believe me we're all parents and have been there!). If there is something we can do to help, please pop in and have a chat with us.

Welcome back

Happy New Year! Hope you've all had a lovely Christmas. We will be adding lots of new dates once we have some events confirmed so please keep an eye on the newsletter and ParentMail for updates.

Diary Dates

Mon 15th Jan

Weekly dance workshops start

Weds 24th Jan

PTA meeting at The Castle 7.30. All welcome

Fri 26th Jan

Burns Night/Day—wear a touch of tartan

Weds 31st Jan

Archery taster day

Fri 2nd Feb

Gymnastics Competition

Fri 9th Feb

School closes for half term

Mon 19th Feb

School opens

Mon 5th March

Hoop Stars Day

Fri 16th March

PTA Bingo Night and auction

Thurs 29th March

School closes for Easter

This week's award winners:

Reception

Bailey for a super story map about 'The Princess and the Pea'.

Year 1

Isla for great work in maths.

Year 2

Scarlet for excellent scientific knowledge.

Year 3

Charlie E for fantastic work on multiplication.

Year 4

Matilda for great focus, understanding and enthusiasm in all subjects.

