



WORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

"lifelong learning"

Dear Parents/Carers,

At Worth we are continuing to focus on attendance and punctuality and I am writing to remind you that we expect children's attendance to be at 96% - this is in line with government and Kent's expectations too.

Currently, we remain below this. Last year's attendance was 95.5%.

27 children had attendance below 96% which worryingly was 39% of the school. Therefore we need your continuing support to ensure we hit this important mark.

THANK YOU SO MUCH to those families who have been working hard to ensure children's punctuality and attendance is high. THANK YOU for getting these important habits established early on in your child's life as it will make a difference in their futures.

We really do appreciate that you come rain or shine, get to school on time so that children can begin learning on time and so that other children's learning isn't affected by late comers.

Request for Term Time Leave/ Holidays

Can I also remind parents that our school attendance policy states that:

Parents/carers should ensure that family holidays and any term time leave are arranged outside of school term time.

Parents/carers should not remove their child from school during term time without having first requested a leave of absence in writing from the Executive Headteacher.

All requests for authorised absence will be responded to in writing and will only be authorised in the most extreme circumstances.

If permission is not granted, but the child is still absent, the absence is classed as unauthorised and parents/carers may be issued with a penalty notice.

I am sorry to have to start the new academic year with a moan but there is a link between attendance and achievement and therefore it is very important that your child attends school every day unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Kind regards,

Jo Hygate (Executive Head)

Dates for your Diary:

Friday 20th Sept - Change 4 Life club @ 8am

Monday 23rd Sept- Board games club until 4.15pm

Tuesday 24th Sept-Team Theme football club until 4.15pm; KS1 jewellery club until 4.15pm; **NO ALLOTMENT CLUB**

Wednesday 25th Sept- **Class 1 trip to East Kent Ploughing Match**; KS2 tag rugby club until 4.15pm

Thursday 26th Sept - KS2 homework club until 4.15pm; Lego club until 4.15pm; KS2 jewellery club until 4.15pm

Friday 27th Sept- Change 4 Life club @ 8am; Class 2 Medieval Day

Monday 30th Sept -Board games club until 4.15pm;

Tuesday 1st Oct-Warden House football event; Team Theme football club until 4.15pm; KS1 allotment and jewellery clubs until 4.15pm

Wednesday 2nd Oct- KS2 tag rugby club until 4.15pm

Thursday 3rd Oct- Homework Club after school until 4.15 pm; Lego Club until 4.15pm; KS2 jewellery club until 4.15pm

Friday 4th Oct- Change for Life Club @ 8am;

Governor News

Our Governing Board have been working hard writing a 4 year strategy for the school- this can be found on the school website along with lots of other useful information. Please do take a look.

www.worthprimary.co.uk

Different aspects of the governing board strategy will be highlighted in future newsletters so keep an eye out for this key information.

OUR SCHOOL VALUES

TEAMWORK

CONFIDENCE

RESPECT

HONESTY

EMPATHY