

THE SMITH'S WOOD

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Pupil Premium Awards 2013
Regional Winner

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Healthy School



RECORD BREAKERS

BEST EVER START

We are now 5 weeks into the new term and attendance levels currently stand at 97.1%. This is our best start ever. Attendance has been particularly impressive in Reception, with class RPT having the best attendance in the whole school (99.5%). Nursery attendance has also improved.

Good attendance makes a big difference in school and this is particularly the case in the Early Years of school life. We know that pupils who have low attendance in Nursery and Reception tend to have lower attendance as they get older and this has an affect on learning and the development of social skills.

Remember, the class with the highest attendance at the end of term win an all expenses paid trip. **Individual children in the winning class must have an attendance level of at least 95% to be included on the trip.**

Nine days off in a year gives a child an attendance level of 96%, which is the national average. Pupils with attendance levels below 90% (around 20 days a year – 4 weeks) are classified as Persistently Absent (PA).

Parents' Evening Reminder (Reception – Y6)

Parents' Evening takes place on Wednesday 19th October from 3.30 – 8.00. Please enter the building via the main entrance. Around 92% of parents usually attend these meetings, which are overwhelming positive. Please support your child by attending this event.

5 Ways to keep your child's attendance high:

- Avoid holidays in term time.
- Be on time; if you arrive after 9 am an "unauthorised absent" mark is given.
- Try to arrange medical appointments out of school hours. Although medical appointments are recorded as "authorised absence," they still count as absence; if your child is not in school, we cannot say they are.
- If you miss a morning session, get in for the afternoon (1 pm). There are 2 registration sessions each day. If your child is off for a full day, this means they will receive 2 absence marks.
- If your child is ill, avoid taking whole weeks off.

Safety outside the school

We have received messages from concerned parents and residents about dangerous driving and inconsiderate parking in the areas around the school. The school has engaged with councillors and the Local Authority to attempt to improve this issue. Parents are advised to report dangerous drivers directly to the police.

Football Results

Smith's Wood 3 St Edwards 2

Smith's Wood 4 Fordbridge 2

Reminders

- Please ensure all contact details and personal information for your child are kept up to date.
- All items belonging to children are clearly labelled with their name and class.