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**Pupil Premium  
Awards 2013  
Regional Winner**



Healthy School



# WEATHER WARNING

## COLD WEATHER FORECAST

### Winter weather

In the event of heavy snow, school closures will be announced on the **school website and via the school text service** (please ensure that your mobile details are up to date in the main office if you have changed your number). In the event of heavy snowfall, every effort will be made to keep the school open.

When temperatures fall below zero, the main walkways and steps will be gritted to help ensure the safety of visitors and children. Please stick to the walkways; it is not possible to grit the entire playground. Please ensure that younger pre-school pupils are directly supervised.

### Attendance update

Well done to Miss Tranter's class who achieved the highest attendance level in the school during the Autumn term. This is the first time that a Reception class has won the prize. All pupils in the class with attendance over 95% qualify for the attendance prize which will be chosen by staff.

Top attendance classes in the Autumn term:-

1. 96.9% RPT
2. 96.8% 3HW
3. 96.6% 6RO

After an amazing start to the school year in which we saw the highest ever attendance levels for September and October, attendance levels have fallen and are now **BELOW AVERAGE**.

Current school attendance level 95.6%

National attendance level (last year) 96.1%

Whilst attendance levels will typically fall in colder weather when colds and illnesses are more

prevalent, there are things you can do to keep your child's attendance high;

- Get to school on time. Pupils arriving after the register closes are recorded as "unauthorised absent".
- If your child has a day off, get them back to school quickly. Avoid taking the whole week off.
- Aim to arrange medical appointments outside of school hours.

Remember, to achieve an average level of attendance, your child needs to have **no more than 9 days off in a school year**.

Children with an attendance level below 90% are classified as "persistently absent."

### Spring Term 2017

**Starts:** Tuesday 3 January 2017 (Teacher training day)  
(Pupils in on Wednesday 4 January)

- **Half Term:** Monday 20 February to Friday 24 February 2017
- **Ends:** Friday 7 April 2017

### Summer Term 2017

- **Starts:** Monday 24 April 2017 (Teacher training day) (Pupils in on Tuesday 25 April)
- **Half Term:** Monday 29 May 2017 to Friday 2 June 2017
- Teacher training day Friday 16/6/17
- Teacher training day Friday 7/7/17
- **Ends:** Tuesday 25 July 2017

*(the school is required to have 5 training days per academic year)*