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Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you all have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend and look forward to welcoming you all back refreshed and ready to learn on Tuesday.

Best wishes



Ellie Green
Head Teacher

In this newsletter you will find information about the following:

- Attendance Award
- Attendance: *Don't put your child's school place at risk!*
- New Appointments
- SATs: Miss School and Miss Out!

Attendance Award

Well done Class 3DH for achieving the highest attendance last week – a perfect 100%! Well Done –any class achieving 100% three times will receive a special prize.

Attendance:

Don't put your child's school place at risk!

Lately, we have had a significant number of families taking holidays during term time. I must warn you that the Local Authority can instruct us to give your child's school place to someone on the waiting list whilst you are away. Recently, this happened to a family here at Windmill and parents now have to apply for new school places.

Education is the most precious thing you can give to your child – do not put their future opportunities at risk by taking them out of school during term time.

New Appointments

I am delighted to inform you that we have a new Deputy Head Teacher and a new Assistant Head Teacher joining us in September to support the next phase of our school's journey to becoming the best possible learning community we can be. Mr James Colvin and Mrs Rebecca Lax will be visiting over the next couple of months before they begin their permanent posts.

SATs: Miss School and Miss Out!

Attending school every single day is crucial. Children with poor attendance will miss crucial learning opportunities and it is inevitable that they will fall behind their peers. At the moment we do not issue fines for extended holidays during term time however, we may have to consider all avenues to reduce absenteeism. **It is also extremely important that your child arrives to school on time.**

Year 2 and Year 6 pupils will be taking SATs (Standard Attainment Tests) at the beginning of the Summer Term. The format for these is new this year and the Government's expected knowledge and understanding of average pupils has increased hugely. It is vital that children are in school every day so they do not miss out on crucial learning, particularly in preparation for secondary school transfer.

Parents & Carer Comments

Please use this to let us know your thoughts
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