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Hainford Newsletter

Welcome back after what I hope was an enjoyable half-term. Today it has been lovely to see our year 3 and some year 4 children cycle so successfully during their Bikeability training morning. They cycled with great skill and care. Great Job.

Assertive Mentoring (Parent's Evenings)

Appointments can still be booked by contacting the school office in the usual way. Dates and times for meetings in person will be:

Monday 6th November 3:20pm to 6pm

Thursday 9th November 3:10pm to 5pm

When contacting the office, please indicate a preferred '**time window**' e.g. '*4-5pm on Thursday*' and we will look to accommodate.

During these meetings you will be given an Assertive Mentoring report that will outline how your child is doing at school, targets that we will be working on in school and information on attendance, uniform and attitude.

Attendance

As you may be aware, because pupil's attendance at school is a legal requirement, schools are tasked with analysing their pupils' attendance throughout the year. When a pupil's attendance falls below 95%, schools are required to inform parents and support them in ensuring their child's attendance improves.

Illness

As we know all too well, returning to school after the summer holidays means children will be mixing with other children more regularly which often means they are likely to pick up coughs, colds etc. After our first half term at school, pupils who have had just 2 days off school due to illness will have already dropped below 95%.

Holiday

We are also aware that many families have chosen to take their child out of school during this first half term to go on holiday. Again, this has meant that many of our pupils' attendance has dropped below 95% and, for holidays of four days or more, to below 90%.

Attendance letters from school

We are conscious that receiving attendance letters from school can cause upset but want to reassure you that we have a legal obligation to monitor attendance and notify parents if their child's attendance is of concern. With all of the above in mind, at this point in the year, we are only writing to parents whose child's attendance has fallen below 90% and is not linked to being on holiday. If you do receive a letter and are concerned, please make contact with Mr Cross to discuss it further.

Punctuality Letters

Here at Hainford we also highly value the importance of punctuality. Our school day starts at 8.45am and being on time is very important. Arriving late at school can be very disruptive for your child, the teacher and the other children in the class. As with attendance letters, punctuality letters will also be sent out in order to inform parents/carers and support them in ensuring their child's punctuality improves.

Our Christian Theme for this half-term is: Hope

A Christian Perspective on Hope:

Christians see their hope in God's promise "that love and goodness have, and will ultimately, overcome all evil". This hope is manifested in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

As a school community, we will be exploring how as a school community we can take on greater responsibility for a more sustainable environment through our actions such as next week's Welly Walk for Water Aid.

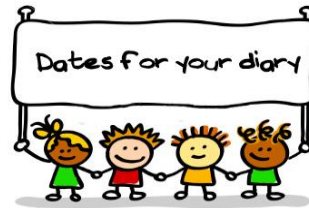
Let's Celebrate!

3 rd November	Stars Awards	Values Award Hope
Class 1	Freddie – for an amazing attitude to learning and challenging himself	Huge – for a positive and hopeful attitude to learning
Class 2	Emily – for writing some fantastic descriptive poetry	Benedict – for a positive and hopeful attitude to learning
Class 3	Thea and Pearl – great poetry in school and at home.	Martha – for a positive and hopeful attitude to learning at home and in school

Bikeability: Congratulations to all of our young cyclists for passing their level 1 award.

Attendance Awards – Congratulations to those children who have achieved 100% attendance for this half-term today.

School Target: **98%**
The year so far: **96.83%**



Autumn Term 2023

Half term break (Mon 23rd to Fri 27th October)

November

6th Assertive Mentoring Meetings

9th Assertive Mentoring Meetings

10th YR5/6 Nebula Tag Rugby event at Horsford (*letters given out 02.11.23*)

17th Cross-country league race number 2 at Falcon Junior School (*selected pupils only*)

December:

8th Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas lunch

8th Cross-country league race number 3 at Eaton Park (*selected pupils only*)

WB: 11th School Nativity Performances

19th Christingle Service in the church – school pupils only

20th Final day of the Autumn term

Christmas Holidays (Thursday 21st December through to and including Wednesday 3rd January)

January 2024

3rd (Thur) First day back after the Christmas holidays. Start of the Spring Term

Thank you for all of your support.