



"Growing together at the heart of God's community"



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Dear Parents, Carers, and children,

Attendance Matters - Our trust and school target is 97%.

As a school we know attendance matters, it matters for a child's development, it matters for sustaining and growing friendships and it matters for learning to be consistent and embedded.

We are pleased to introduce some exciting changes to our current practice which places both parents and children at the heart of the review we have undertaken.

To improve parental communication. Each half term, we now have a clear traffic light system to visually show you how well your child is doing related to the school attendance target so:

- If a child has **97% or above** you will receive a **green light** letter each half term, **celebrating achievement**.
- If a child has between **94% and 96.99%** you will receive an **amber light** letter ensuring you are aware of this so that attendance can improve.
- If a child has below **93.99%** you will receive a **red light** letter which, where appropriate will result in an appointment made with the Head Teacher / Attendance officer to support how to improve attendance moving forward.

Also we have reviewed **rewards** with the attendance team which includes a pupil representative.

- **Year Group Certificate each week** to celebrate a year group achievement of 100% attendance.
- **Year Group 5 minutes extra play for 100% attendance (each week).**
- **Each term individual** attendance certificates for those achieving 97% or above.
- **End of year prize (summer term)** for those achieving 97% to 99.9% attendance – To be chosen by pupil attendance representative.
- **End of year prize (summer term) for those achieving 100%** - such as scooter, art set, stunt kite etc to be chosen by pupil attendance representative.

We are also introducing a race to make ...Mr Potato Head, each class will have a Mr Potato Head displayed in the hall. Each week the year group with 97% and above will put a piece onto Mr Potato Head. The year group that completes him first will win 5 minutes extra play, a fredo and a picture with Mr Potato Head himself. Who will win the first race?

Kind Regards

K.Mowbray
Head Teacher

Attendance Matters

At Glazebury CE Primary we recognise that attendance is central to raising standards and attainment.

Attendance is a safeguarding duty, as every pupil should have the opportunity to access a full-time education, and experiences.

Please see below to show how lack of attendance can effect learning opportunities:

95% Attendance means - 9 days of absence (1 week and 4 days of learning missed)

90% Attendance means - 19 days of absence (3 weeks and 4 days of learning missed)

85% Attendance means - 28 days of absence (5 weeks and 3 days of learning missed)

80% Attendance means - 38 days of absence (7 weeks and 3 days of learning missed)

75% Attendance means - 46 days of absence (9 weeks and 1 day of learning missed)

Please note holidays are effecting whole school attendance. Holidays in term time are not permitted, please consult our holiday dates prior to booking any holidays.

We all just want to give your child the best start in life – attendance matters.