



Grove School

## Attendance Newsletter End of Spring Term 2019

**Our attendance for the whole school at the end of the spring half term is 96.1%**

**We are exceeding the whole school target set at 95.25%. Well done to all our children and families who have worked so hard to achieve this.**

### **100% attendance so far.....**

At the end of spring term 2019, 115 children have achieved 100% attendance since September 2018. This is an amazing achievement. Well done to all of these children.

These are the numbers of children who achieved 100% in each class. These children will receive a silver award during the attendance assemblies.

<b>Nursery Green</b>	1	<b>Nursery Yellow</b>	2		
<b>Reception Green</b>	4	<b>Reception Red</b>	3	<b>Reception Yellow</b>	3
<b>1 Green</b>	5	<b>1 Red</b>	1	<b>1 Yellow</b>	6
<b>2 Green</b>	2	<b>2 Red</b>	9	<b>2 Yellow</b>	8
<b>3 Green</b>	8	<b>3 Red</b>	5	<b>3 Yellow</b>	5
<b>4 Green</b>	5	<b>4 Red</b>	7	<b>4 Yellow</b>	6
<b>5 Green</b>	6	<b>5 Red</b>	4	<b>5 Yellow</b>	2
<b>5 Blue</b>	8	<b>5 Purple</b>	2		
<b>6 Green</b>	2	<b>6 Red</b>	4	<b>6 Yellow</b>	2
<b>6 Blue</b>	4	<b>6 Purple</b>	1		

**2 Red have the most children with 100% attendance. Well done, a fantastic achievement.**

**Congratulations to year 5, your year group has the most children achieving 100% attendance.**

We also had 88 children throughout the school who have achieved 100% attendance since January 2019. These children will receive a bronze award during attendance assemblies.

258 children have an attendance of 97-99.99% since September 2018.



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### **Class Attendance since September 2018**

<b>Nursery Green</b>	91%	<b>Nursery Yellow</b>	92%		
<b>Reception Green</b>	96%	<b>Reception Red</b>	94%	<b>Reception Yellow</b>	93.5%
<b>1 Green</b>	95%	<b>1 Red</b>	96%	<b>1 Yellow</b>	95.5%
<b>2 Green</b>	96%	<b>2 Red</b>	98%	<b>2 Yellow</b>	97%
<b>3 Green</b>	97%	<b>3 Red</b>	95%	<b>3 Yellow</b>	96%
<b>4 Green</b>	96%	<b>4 Red</b>	95%	<b>4 Yellow</b>	96%
<b>5 Green</b>	97%	<b>5 Red</b>	97%	<b>5 Yellow</b>	96%
<b>5 Blue</b>	97%	<b>5 Purple</b>	92%		
<b>6 Green</b>	97%	<b>6 Red</b>	97%	<b>6 Yellow</b>	95%
<b>6 Blue</b>	97%	<b>6 Purple</b>	98%		

**Well done to 2 Red and 6 Purple who have the highest attendance so far.**

### **Reporting an Absence**

If your child is absent from school please inform the school office in person or by telephone on 0121 464 1032 by 8.45am. Any non-urgent medical and dental appointments should be made outside of school hours.

If we do not hear from you on the first day of absence, we will contact you at home to find out the reason for the absence. Please inform school if you change address or telephone numbers. Where we do not receive information about an absence we will write to you to obtain the information.

Home visits will be completed where a child has not attended school for five days and the reason is unknown.

### **Early collection of children**

Should you need to collect your child from school for any other reasons other than medical and illness then you will need to inform school at the earliest opportunity outlining the reason in order to gain the head teacher's approval. Please note that a request is likely to be declined.

If your child needs to leave school in learning time due to a parental appointment we will ask for proof of the appointment in order to consider the request.

### **Medical Appointments**

If your child does need to attend a medical appointment in learning time please ensure that they attend school prior to and after their medical appointments. Children should not be absent for a full day for a routine appointment.



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### **Leave in term time**

**From 1st September 2013**, amendments to the **Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006** made clear that **Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.**

Birmingham City Council have issued **27 penalty notices** to parents at Grove School since **September 2018** due to leave in term time with a high number of other penalty notices pending.

### **FAST-track to Attendance**

FAST-track to Attendance is the legal process schools use to tackle ongoing unauthorised absence.

*FAST-track to Attendance* is an Early Help approach to improving pupil attendance which also seeks to act quickly where there is unauthorised absence.

School will communicate with parents if your child's attendance is a concern.

Birmingham City Council have issued **3 penalty notices** to parents at Grove School since **September 2018** due to Fast-track with other penalty notices pending.

Please let us know if your child's attendance and punctuality is being affected by factors in school or outside. We can help!

For further information please visit: [www.grove.bham.sch.uk/attendanceandpunctuality](http://www.grove.bham.sch.uk/attendanceandpunctuality)

### **School Nurse**

We are pleased to inform parents that our new school nurse, Ruth Lowe, will be joining our team from Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019. Ruth Lowe is a Community Staff Nurse from the BCHC Plus School Nursing Team. Ruth will be working at Grove fortnightly from 12.30-4.00pm on a Wednesday.

Ruth will support school in reviewing care plans for children with medical care needs and will hold parental workshops. A key part of Ruth's role is to support school in raising attendance. We look forward to working with Ruth in the summer term.



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### **20 Day Challenge**

All children who attended school every day, for the whole day, from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March until Friday 12 April 2019 were entered into a draw for a special prize.

**There were 381 children who successfully completed the 20 day challenge. What an amazing achievement by all of the children**

The winners of the special prizes were.....

**Amanjot Kaur – RG**



**Elena Lica – 4G**



**Zeshan Zaman – 5R**



**And Eesa Mohammed – 2R**

**The 20 day challenge starts again on Monday 24<sup>th</sup>  
June 2019**