



Ladbrooke Primary School

Friday 6th March



HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Almost Half Term

Thank you to everyone who has been collecting Tesco tokens and voting for Ladbrooke. Every time I have been in to have a look, we appear to be doing well. Keep collecting and hopefully we will have some good news at the end of the month.

This week we have finally seen some sunshine and I hope that with the warmth we will see some good health and an improvement to our attendance.

With OFSTED now looking closely at attendance and our attendance currently being below national levels (something it has never been in the past), I would hate the school to be penalised for attendance in the next OFSTED. Clearly, if a child is unwell they should not be in school but we now have too many children who have fallen into the persistent absence band (<90%) and this is worrying.

If you look at the attendance figures below for February, we only have 3 classes who have attendance above 95%.

Please can you do everything you can to ensure that your child is in school on time every day.

I really appreciate your support.

Attendance Data

Here are the % for attendance in February
Remember our target is over 96%!

Class	%	Class	%
F1	77.78%	Y3	96.07%
F2	91.07%	Y4	97.02%
Y1	93.92%	Y5	93.57%
Y2	95.00%	Y6	92.98%

Congratulations to Y3 and Y4 on their fantastic attendance in February.

As a school our attendance was 94.77%

We need to work extra hard to reach our target. Please reach out if you need support getting your child into school.

Communication

With our move to Arbor, we will be sending all messages via email rather than text. If you send an app message then we will respond using the same method but all other communication from us will come via email.



Please check your emails regularly.



Dates For Your Diary

MONDAY 9TH MARCH
Class Photos

MONDAY 16th MARCH
Y2/5/6 NSPCC Workshops

TUESDAY 17th MARCH
3.30 - Parent Consultations

THURSDAY 19th MARCH
5pm - Parent Consultations

MONDAY 23rd MARCH
Y5 Spirit of the Wild

MONDAY 23rd MARCH
Easter Egg Hunt

TUESDAY 24th MARCH
Y2 Trip to Bolton Farm

WEDNESDAY 25th MARCH
Y1-Y6 Reports out

FRIDAY 27th MARCH
Term Ends FS 1pm
Term Ends KS1 1.15pm
Term Ends KS2 1.30pm

Siblings can be collected at the same time from their classrooms.

TERM STARTS

TUESDAY 14th APRIL

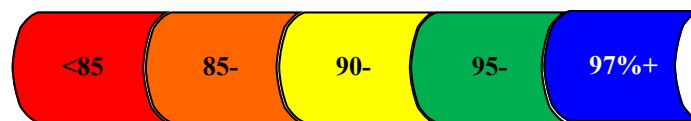


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Attendance Matters

We think that it is important that children are in school, on time, every day. We aim for our whole school attendance to be above 96% but ideally 97% and as many children as possible to have 100% attendance. The reason for this is because children who attend school every day are more likely to learn more, have more friends and get a good job when they are older. To give your children the best chances and opportunities, they must be in school. We will happily support you if you are having a problem getting your child into school but we can only do this if we are aware of what the problem is!

Attendance also has a high profile within the new OFSTED framework. Behaviour and attendance are a category by itself and a judgement will be made. The behaviour of our children is always strong but currently our attendance will pull the judgement down and this is something I really want to avoid.



1 or 2 days absence may not seem that much but look at the long term affects!

If your child misses	That equals	Which is ...	And over 13 years of schooling that's
1 day a fortnight (90%)	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day a week (80%)	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years
2 days a week (60%)	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years

Should my child be off school?

Below are recommendations from the Public Health Agency for common illnesses that often, but do not necessarily, result in absences from school.

Symptom	Period off school
Diarrhoea/vomiting (1 episode)	24 hours
Diarrhoea/vomiting	48 hours
Conjunctivitis	None
Head Lice	None
Tonsillitis	None
Headache	None

Symptom	Period off school
Glandular Fever	None
Warts and Verrucae	None
Chicken Pox	5 days from onset of rash
Impetigo	Until lesions are crusted
Cough/cold	None
Sore Throat	None

Being tired is not a reason to be off school. Only medical appointments at hospitals should happen during the school day as parent often have no control over when they happen. Routine doctors and dentist appointments should be arranged outside of school times.

Please help us ensure your child has the best possible start to their learning journey.