



## Mrs Bennett's Blog

Thursday 28th September 2017

Hi Everyone,

Another very productive week at school for everyone. As you are aware, we are really aiming to increase the number of our children, who attend school every day, 100% of the time especially when we are at school for only 190 days of the year. Attending school every day is essential so that each and every child can be given the best start to their young lives. I have done a few sums...

Good attendance means being in school at least 96% of the time or having no more than 8 days off school.

90% attendance is equal to **19 days** of learning missed a year.

85% attendance is equal to **29 days** of learning missed a year.

80% attendance is equal to **38 days** of learning missed a year.

75% attendance is equal to **47 days** of learning missed a year.

When I calculated these percentages, it was quite shocking, how many days a child could miss from their learning with the odd day here and there, especially when we are only at school for 190 days of the year. We are monitoring all of our children's attendance closely and should a child's attendance fall below 96% we will invite our families into school to discuss this further so we can ensure each and every child has the best possible opportunity to access the education they rightfully deserve.

A vacancy to join our Governing Body as a Parent Governor has arisen. A letter will be emailed out today with the key information. Our governing body play a crucial role in the strategic development of our school and I know the governors gain a great deal from being a part of Crossflatts Primary School. If you would like know more about this role and are considering applying, please don't hesitate to contact us at school and we can advise you further.

## Safeguarding

We have several adults in school who play a key role in ensuring the safety and welfare of every child. Should you ever have a concern around the safety or well-being of **any** child within our school, please contact any of these people who will be able to help you immediately.

We are...

### Safeguarding Designated Leads



Nicola Bennett – Head teacher



Nina Dobson – Deputy Head teacher



Claire Thirkill – Deputy Head teacher – Safeguarding Lead



Rebecca Petrie – KS1 Leader



Jo Cattell – Learning Mentor

## PTA

Our fantastic PTA have organised to run a bake sale on Friday's after school so everyone can stock up on some treats for the weekend and raise some funds for school at the same time. They politely request that each year group take it in turns to donate a cake, buns, flap jack, biscuits or savoury snacks, which they can then sell at 3.15pm in the Atrium on a Friday. The dates for year group donations are as follows:

- **Friday 29th September– Years 5 & 6**
- **Friday 20th October - Nursery and Reception**
- **Friday 25th November - Years 1 & 2**
- **Friday 1st December - Years 3 & 4**

## Attendance:

Here are last week's figures:

Our Aspirational Target	The national target	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
98%	96.1%	99.1%	94.8%	91%	98.8%	97%	96.8%	96%

There were 2 children late for school last week. (Before registration closed at 9am) and 4 children later than 9am

Best wishes

Mrs Bennett

Headteacher