

PRINCE OF WALES PRIMARY SCHOOL



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There will be a Phonics Workshop on Wednesday 22nd November in the Community Room at 9am. This is aimed at parents with children in Key Stage 1.

There will be a separate Early Years Phonics Workshop next term.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We wish to bring to your attention that the school has been advised by the Education Welfare Service that in cases of persistent absence (a child missing 15 sessions or more) that we may need to issue a fixed penalty notice. We may also issue a fixed penalty notice if you take holiday time during term time. This action is fully supported by the School's Governing Body and it aims to improve the school's attendance figures and reduce our persistent absenteeism figure. As OFSTED stated in June 2016:

Persistent absence remains higher than average. The figure is reducing but the poor attendance of some pupils remains a concern.' Ofsted June 2016

To further support the school in raising our attendance figures, we will be using (where relevant) the Local Authority's Fast-track to Attendance scheme. Please see the letter on the final page of this newsletter for further information.

Any questions please see Mrs Jones, Attendance Officer.

Attendance this week						Remember to come to school every day and
						on time.
1K 90.00%	2A 97.67%	3F 97.59%	4F 98.93%	5G 96.79%	6B 98.33%	95% is the minimum expectation. 90% and below is not acceptable (unless
1T 87.83%	2T 95.86%	3Fe 97.14%	4M 95.86%	5T 98.93%	6H 96.55%	there is an identified medical issue).
1Ti 85.83%	2Th 96.43%	3S 94.67%	4R 99.33%	5W 99.26%	6T 92.00%	90% means missing half a day per week or
						20 days of missed learning!
Well done to 2A & 4R for best attendance this week.						
Overall attendance since September: 96.18%						

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 21st November Tuesday 21st November Wednesday 22nd November Thursday 23rd November Thursday 23rd November Wednesday 29th November Friday 1st December Wednesday 6th December Wednesday 13th December Thursday 14th December Thursday 14th December Friday 15th December Tuesday 19th December Thursday 21st December Friday 22nd December Wednesday 3rd January 2018 Monday 12th - 16th February Wednesday 28th March Friday 30thMarch – Monday16th April Monday 16th April 2018 Monday 7th May Friday 25th May 2018 Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June Friday 20th July 2018

Year 1 Cinema – Rock Dog Year 2 Barbican Phonics work shop 9am in the community room Year 2 Cinema – Trolls Year 6 cinema – Fantastic beasts and where to find them Year 4, 5 and 6 Addition and Subtraction workshop 9am-2pm Year 5 Barbican Year 1, 2 and 3 Multiplication and Division workshop 9am-2pm Year 4, 5 and 6 Multiplication and Division workshop 9am-2pm Reception Christmas Singing concert 9.30am KS1 Nativity play Nursery Christmas singing concert - (AM) 11.00am - (PM) 3.00pm Nursery finish for Christmas holidays Inset day – school closed Christmas holiday – school closed Start of spring term Half term Individual photos Easter Holidays – school closed Inset day – school closed Bank holiday – school closed Inset day – school closed Half term – school closed Finish at 1.30pm for the summer holidays

Maths Workshops for Parents – Community Room

29/11/17 Addition and Subtraction workshop for years 4, 5 and 6 at 9am and 2pm

6/12/17 Multiplication and Division workshop for year 1, 2 and 3 at 9am and 2pm

13/12/17 Multiplication and Division workshop for year 4, 5 and 6 at 9am and 2pm

If your Child was born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015, you can now apply online for a place in Nursery using the link below: <u>https://www.eadmissions.org</u> <u>.uk/eAdmissions/app</u> The deadline is Monday 15th January 2018

Win a Kindle Fire and case!

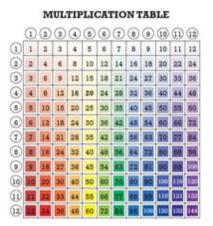
Parents and pupils who complete the on-line school meals survey will be entered into a prize draw. The winning pupil will be awarded a Kindle Fire and case at a school assembly – complete the short survey today by going to www.myschoollunch.co.uk/enfield and clicking on '<u>Win a Kindle Fire!</u>'

School Garden Volunteers needed:

We need a few handy and able adults to work alongside our gardeners, premises staff and Wetlands Trust to create and complete a 'skinny wetland' on **5th and 6th December from 9am to 3pm.** This task will involve lifting and digging. Refreshments and school lunch included. Please let our school office know if you are interested.

Thank you.

Times tables Champions this week – WELL DONE!



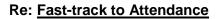


Raed 4R, Dabney 4M, Nehir 4F, Miah 5G, Erin 5G, Annajoni 5T, Elif 5T, Karina 5T, Ameerah 6H

Our Value for this month is **Freedom and Individual Liberty.** These pupils modelled the value this week:

Thomas 1Ti, Hameeda 1K, Aryan 1T, Sinead 2T, Raice 2A, Arios 2Th, Sariah 3F, Lakesha 3S, Arda 3Fe, Prescillia 4M, Emre 4F, Dimple 4R, Hasan 5W, Hano 5G, Annajoni 5T, Stacey 6H, Hamza 6T, Eris 6B







In partnership with Enfield Education Welfare Service, Prince of Wales Primary School will introduce the 'Fast-track to Attendance' scheme for parents who fail to ensure that their children attend school regularly. This is an essential part of the government's drive to improve educational achievement and ensure that all parents fulfil their responsibility to ensure regular school attendance. This letter is being sent to all parents so that the responsible majority are aware of the action that will be taken with respect to parents whose children are missing school. It is also, of course, an opportunity for some to make improvements before becoming involved in the process.

If your child has good attendance (95% or above), then this process will not apply to you or your child, and you will be receiving this letter for information only. The following will then not apply to you:

Parents whose children are failing to attend school regularly without good reason can face prosecution within twelve weeks of being informed that improvements need to be made. This can lead to a maximum fine of £2,500, up to three months imprisonment and a criminal record. Alternatively, parents can be issued with a **Fixed Penalty Notice** of £60, rising to £120 if not paid within 21 days. This penalty is also applicable where parents take children on holiday without authorisation from their school's head teacher and where there has been continued late arrival after the school register has closed. Another possible course of action is an application to the Family Court for an **Education Supervision Order**.

In the first instance, you may receive a letter advising you of your child's **overall attendance percentage** and advising you to ensure that his/her attendance improves. If no improvement is seen in the following weeks, you will be offered an appointment to attend a formal meeting to discuss the matter. If there is still no sustained improvement, you will be invited to attend a **Court Assessment Meeting**, where a decision on legal action will be made.

During the fast-track procedure, your child's absences will remain unauthorised unless medical evidence is provided should your child be absent through illness.

What Can You Do To Help?

- 1. Ensure that you develop a routine that allows your child to get to school on time in the morning and ready for learning.
- 2. Make sure your child attends school each day and on time.
- 3. Praise your child when their attendance is good.
- 4. If your child is sick or prevented from attending for any unavoidable reason, contact the school on the first day of absence. You may be asked to allow your doctor to provide relevant details of your child's medical records.
- 5. Speak to the school or Education Welfare Service if your child is reluctant to go to school for any reason.
- 6. Seek permission from the school, giving details, well in advance if there is an important matter requiring your child to be absent from school.
- If you receive a letter, about your child's attendance, *do not* ignore it. Failure to cooperate with the Education Welfare Service could result in the matter proceeding to the Magistrates' Court more rapidly.

If you have any worries/concerns please do not hesitate to contact the Education Welfare Service on 0208 379 3745.

Yours sincerely

Sharon Clarke Operations Manager Enfield Education Welfare Service.