



ST EDMUND'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Matters!



ATTENDANCE NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

A huge congratulations to the following children who have received 100% attendance for the year to date. In Reception: Ruben, Ciara and Holly.

Year 1: Cara, Robyn, Elizabeth, Arthur, Evie, Scarlett, Sonia and Liam.

Year 2: Julianna, Philomena and Diego.

Year 3: Clovis, Harry, Ryan, Frank, Jack, Eimer.

Year 4: Ronan, Fergus, Joshua, Emily, Charlie.

Year 5: Megan, Cara, Jack, Konrad, Niamh.

Year 6: Rudy, Santana, Niall, Thomas, Matilda-Rose, Matthew and Vincent.

Best Class Attendance: 3G



All these children received their 100% certificate, badge and pencil at assembly this week. We also awarded 99+% certificates to 47 children. Well done to all that received their attendance certificates, this is a fantastic achievement.

We aim to have an attendance figure in excess of 97%. Unfortunately our attendance figure for this year is 96.5%. We must improve on this figure and we will be aiming for the attendance figure in excess of 97% when we return after the summer break. We have also recorded **876 lates** before the register closes at 9.15am, which is clearly too many!

As we approach the end of summer term and look forward to the next academic year, it is a good time to review morning routines, Why not pack your child's lunchbox the night before? Have uniform ready in advance? Set the alarm clock ten minutes earlier? Don't put the TV on in the morning? These small changes can help remove some of the stress points of the morning allowing everyone to be ready to leave home in good time, arrive punctually and be ready for the day ahead. If you would like support or advice on attendance please speak to your child's class teacher or to the Headteacher, or we can put you in contact with our Educational Welfare Officer (EWO).

Wishing you all a very happy holiday and look forward to seeing you back to school on Thursday 5th September.
Mrs Moreland – Headteacher

10 minutes late every day = 33 missed hours of learning



TERM TIME HOLIDAYS - We will NO LONGER authorise religious absences Baptisms, Weddings, First Holy Communion etc and any holidays taken in term time in line with the school policy on our website unless exceptional circumstances exist and are made in writing to the Headteacher.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS - We request that where possible routine medical and dentist appointments are arranged outside school hours as these appointments will affect your child's percentage attendance. We do understand that some appointments, such as hospital consultations are not always possible to arrange outside of school hours. However if your appointment time allows your child to come to school for registration and for a reasonable time and then leave, this will have a positive impact on their attendance figure. Likewise if they are able to be back in school for afternoon registration.



Best Class & Year Group Attendance to 23rd July 2019

Best Class Attendance: 3G – 97.5%

Best Year Group Attendance: Year 3 – 97.25%

Year 3 - we are proud of your achievement this year

ILLNESS - We know that illness is unavoidable and to be expected. However it is very important to inform the school by 9.30am on the first day of absence with the reason either by phone or using our website:

[www.st-edmunds.richmond.sch.uk:parents/absence form](http://www.st-edmunds.richmond.sch.uk:parents/absence-form)