

# ATTENDANCE Newsletter

Helping your child achieve through perfect attendance.

A huge cheer for the **333** children who received 100% attendance certificates for last half term – **Well Done!** 

We look forward to celebrating all of our top attenders for 2018.

#### **IMPORTANT NEWS!**

Well done to all the children that have been trying to come into school regularly and punctually. We have seen a positive impact around the school.

Although the government has its guidelines on absence, it is important that we continue to follow the schools policy.



#### Step 1

It is vital that you contact the school as early as possible on the <u>first day</u> of each absence, either by telephone, via the Studybugs app or in person.

#### Step 2

If your child is absent for more than the recommended day's then medical evidence must be provided to authorise absence (Pharmacy first slip, GP note, prescriptions, labelled medication)

Please note that if your child's attendance percentage dips without medical evidence or notification then you will be called in for a meeting. It is important that you attend any meetings or reschedule at the earliest time.

Failing to attend may result in a referral to the local authority.

Our school target is 96.3%

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND EVENTS**

When is it **OK** for your child to stay away from school?

- Illness if your child is genuinely ill then keep them at home. Contact the school and explain your child's absence in detail.
- Medical Appointments try to avoid making these during school times or make them as close to the end of the school day as possible, naturally there will be times where this is not possible.
- Bereavement let us know as soon as possible. We will want to make sure that staff and pupils are sensitive on your child's return.
- **Religious festivals** please let us know in advance for religious celebrations.



SAM our School Attendance Mascot comes in to see us termly to present our attendance awards. The children always enjoy this.

## **Awards For High Achievers**

- Perfect Punctuality certificates are awarded to each class that achieves No Lates throughout the week. So please arrive on time.
- Every Friday the class with the highest attendance percentage wins the Attendance Cup.
- Classes that achieve 100% attendance in the week receive a cash prize which the class can spend at the end of the year on a party, games for the class or a class trip.
- Children who achieve 100% attendance each half-term receive a special certificate.
- Children who achieve 100% attendance for the whole academic year receive a certificate and some fantastic prizes.





### January 2019

# **Workplace Coffee Morning and Afternoon**

In January 'Workplace' – Newham council's job brokerage service will be coming in to talk about jobs and training available to Newham residents.

As well as offering employment support they also offer support from housing benefit to debt advice so stay tuned for upcoming dates.

Do you have any concerns or worries? Need to discuss attendance? Need support at home? We are here to help!

