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Dear Parents/Carers

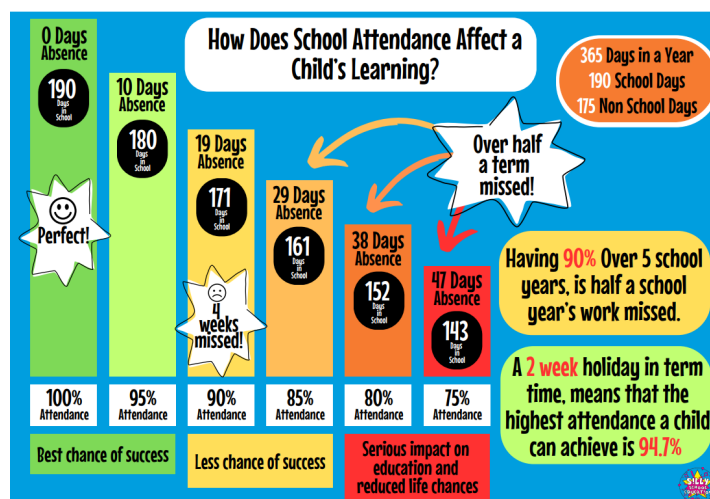
Welcome back to the start of the summer term. I hope that you had a relaxing Easter break and were able to enjoy some quality time with family and friends.

We are looking forward to the term ahead and holding our traditional summer term events. Please find attached a list of dates for your diary. Further details will be sent out in relation to these events in due course. Please be aware that class photographs will be taking place on Monday 20th April.

Attendance: As you will be aware, at Mandeville, we promote high attendance of all our pupils and aim to work in partnership to ensure every child can achieve his/her full educational potential. We know that every day lost to education can have an impact on children's attainment and overall progress in school. We are fully committed to promoting school attendance by providing an environment and ethos where children feel safe and can build positive relationships with others. We expect that parents/carers ensure their child attends school regularly and punctually. Children with good attendance records benefit in the following ways:

- Continuity of learning which makes progress and retention easier;
- Improved performance in class and in tests;
- Continuity of relationships and friendships;
- Good habits which are formed for later life.

Attendance percentages are not like examination results; an attendance percentage needs to be in the high nineties before it can be considered good. In order to illustrate the importance of your child attending school regularly, please see the chart below:



Currently, our overall school attendance figure is 95%. If your child's attendance is below 96%, you will have received an email this week to alert you. We understand that this may be due to illness which is unavoidable. However, it is our duty to ensure you are aware. You will have received a letter should your child's attendance be below 90% and you may be requested to attend a meeting in order to discuss this further.

CoramSCARF: This week, pupils throughout the school took part in the CoramSCARF workshops. The fun, interactive and age-appropriate workshops helped children to understand the importance of physical and emotional health; they learnt vital life-skills that are also known to help their overall achievement. These sessions have supported our ongoing PSHE curriculum, developing the children's understanding of how to keep themselves healthy, as well as making informed choices about healthy eating, fitness and their emotional and mental wellbeing.

Home Learning: Teachers will soon be issuing the weekly home learning activities. These will be sent via paper copies and uploaded to Google Classroom for your ease of access.

Clubs: We are delighted to be providing a wide range of clubs this term, both sporting and non-sporting. Separate communications have been sent out to you regarding this and the clubs are also available to view on the school website. I am sure that pupils will really enjoy these wider curriculum experiences.

Red Nose Day: The activities organised by the Mandeville Action Takers for Red Nose Day raised £243.60. This money has been sent to the charity to help people live free from poverty, violence and discrimination.

School Uniform: At Mandeville, we pride ourselves on looking smart. Our school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of the school and setting an appropriate tone. It helps promote the identity of the school and is one of the most immediate ways in which a child associates themselves with being part of our community. We want children to be proud of Mandeville and the expectation is that every pupil will wear the school uniform. We would, therefore, appreciate your support in ensuring it is consistently and fairly applied.

Girls	Boys
- White polo shirt with school crest preferred, white non-crested school polo shirt acceptable - Red round necked sweatshirt or cardigan with school crest - Grey trousers or skirt or pinafore dress (or gingham dress in summer) - Plain red or grey tights or white or grey socks	- White polo shirt with school crest preferred, white non-crested school polo shirt acceptable - Red round necked sweatshirt with school crest - Grey trousers - Plain grey socks
Footwear In the interests of safety as well as appearance, children should wear suitable footwear for school. Shoes should fasten securely and be plain black and low heeled with enclosed toes. Boots, sandals, sling backs and trainers are not appropriate for school. Hair accessories These should be plain black or red (or gingham in summer) hairband/elastics and slides. PE/sports kit - Black shorts with school crest - Red round necked t-shirt with school crest preferred, plain red non-crested round necked t-shirt acceptable - Trainers - Plain black tracksuit top and bottoms Jewellery We discourage the wearing of jewellery but where necessary, small, plain stud earrings are allowed. These must be removed or taped over when participating in PE lessons. All items of uniform must be marked with the first and last name of your child.	

Contact Numbers: It is essential that the office has up-to-date contact names and numbers in case it is necessary to contact a responsible adult in an emergency. Please send any change of name, address or phone number in writing to the office as soon as there is an amendment.

Cars: In order to ensure the safety of all our pupils, please remember that only those parents/carers with a Blue Badge are permitted to drive up the lane to the school and into the school grounds.

After-School Provision: A reminder that we offer after-school provision via Jam Childcare for pupils in Reception to Year 6. If you are interested in accessing this, please contact Jam directly at admin@jamchildcare.co.uk or telephone 07712 604291.

Community: Please see the link below to the latest copy of The Sawbridgeworth Flyer Magazine. It includes community news and a number of local events to look forward to this month.
<https://www.flyeronline.co.uk/the-sawbridgeworth-flyer-magazine-april-26/>

Thank you for your continued support. It promises to be an exciting term ahead!

Yours faithfully

Miss Kara Hales
Headteacher

