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## ATTENDANCE

We aim for 100% attendance for every child  
213 children achieved 100% Attendance last week  
Class of the Week w/e 27/9/13  
Year 4 with 100% 😊  
Whole School Attendance was 97.42% 😊

PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE COMPLETED AND RETURNED YOUR  
'IMPROVING ATTENDANCE CAMPAIGN' FORM

Dear Parents,

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2013

This morning we all celebrated our Harvest Mass with Father Philip and members of Holy Family Parish community. Our Year 6 led the Mass and they were brilliant - well done and thank you Year 6 and teachers. We had a full complement of altar servers. Singing and signing (led by Mrs. O'Driscoll and Mrs. Kenny and their helpers) through the Mass was very good and the children enjoyed Father Philip's homily, as he prompted the children to think about where the food they eat comes from and how. It was raining as we went into Mass but God sent glorious sunshine to greet us as we left the Church to return to school.

Next Week is **Book Week** and we will be holding the usual **Scholastic Book Fayre** in the School Hall each evening at 3.00 p.m. I do believe Thursday will be the final day for browsing and ordering. Do support the Book Fayre because every penny you spend means the school is entitled to receive books for our own library. Your child will receive a Scholastic pre-ordering booklet with this letter.

On **Friday** children can come to school **dressed as their favourite character** from a story and there will be reading related activities and competitions throughout the school through the day.

May I take this opportunity to remind parents about our **school library** which is open for children to browse and choose books **every Tuesday and Thursday** after school. If you can't get to Small Heath Library or your local library then do come and use our school library.

### Year 6 Alton Castle residential

Children will need to bring a packed lunch with them on Monday morning. Children and/or parents should bring bags etc. into the hall on Monday morning. Children should be wearing their casual clothes NOT school uniform. St Bernadettes' children are being collected at 9.00 am so we expect the coach to collect Holy Family children at about 9.20 am and depart at approximately 9.30 am.

The Year 6 children that are not going to Alton Castle will come to school as normal in uniform.

**Autumn Term Parents Meal Day is on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October.**

Parents must book and pay for their meal by Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Oct.



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**Parents please take note of the following forthcoming further school closures.**

Whole School Teacher Training Day **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2013** School closed to all pupils.

Early Years Teacher Training Day **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2013** School closed to Nursery pupils only.

**Eid Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October**

Muslim families who inform us in advance that they are taking part in religious observance will have one day absence authorised. If families do not make contact with the school, any absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

<b><u>Forth coming Parents Evenings</u></b>	
Please keep the following evenings free to come and meet your child's teacher and find out how they have settled into their new class.	
Year 5	<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October</b>
Year 4	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October
Year 3	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October
Year 2	<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October</b>
Year 1	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October
Reception	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October
Nursery	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October

Parents should have received notification of their parents evening times; if not do please check with your child's class teacher.

**Healthy Lunch Boxes**

May I remind parents that children who bring a packed lunch are **only allowed water as a drink** (which is freely available in school) and that chocolate or chocolate covered biscuits, crisps, sweets etc. are not allowed. Parents may request a copy of our School Food Policy which clearly explains our rules.

If your child is involved in appointments with outside support agencies during school time then do please make sure that you take your child to his/her appointment. Such appointments are to support and help the child and the impact of such support usually means that the child is more able to engage in learning when in school. If you do not attend such appointments then your child will be taken off the list. There are excellent services for children under the NHS and it is important that parents utilise fully what is on offer to them.

We look forward to meeting many of our parents at Parents Evening next Wednesday. Have a lovely weekend and keep safe.

Yours sincerely

M. Mulroy

Mrs. M. Mulroy  
Headteacher

