



# Attendance Matters

Summer Term 2017

No 14

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**LPS Attendance Target: 95% +**  
**LPS current attendance: 95.8%**

The whole school attendance has been at **96%** or above throughout the year so far, but has just fallen to **95.8%**. Whilst this is above the school target, we would like every effort from parents to ensure children are present at school each day to avoid a further drop in attendance. It would be fantastic if we could even raise it back up to 96% again; the challenge is on, can we do it?!

We have had a mixed start with attendance so far during the Summer Term. Fridays are particularly an issue for absence (see table below). Please make attendance a priority as a way to support your child's education.

Daily Attendance 1<sup>st</sup> half of Summer Term

Week Beginning	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Total Weekly %
24.04.17	95.6%	97.1%	97.1%	96.6%	94.5%	96.2%
01.05.17	Bank Holiday	93.6%	94%	95.1%	94.4%	94.3%
08.05.17	96.6%	95.8%	96.6%	94.7%	92.8%	95.3%
15.05.17	92.9%	95.6%	94.9%	93.9%	93.6%	94.2%
22.05.17	93.7%	94.6%	94.7%	95.3%	92%	94.1%

Please can you make appointments out of school time where possible, as children frequently leaving for appointments are becoming disruptive. If you do have to take your children to an appointment, please bring in the necessary appointment cards or letters to confirm and authorise the absence.

Well done to parents and children that continually make the effort in getting to school and being on time; we know that every day makes a difference and your children benefit. Have a lovely half term break and see you back in school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June.



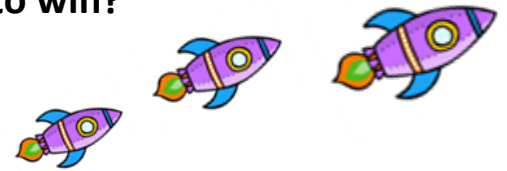
**Non Uniform Day**  
**16<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

**Full House Friday: Girls vs. Boys!**  
Are the Girls great or are the Boys brilliant?

FHF	Total	Boys	Girls
4th Nov 16	97.2%	97.3%	97.1%
24th Feb 17	97.0%	96.2%	97.8%

The boys piped the girls to the post on our first FHF back in November but the girls took the boys by storm with a 1.6% lead in February. Who will the champions be on 16<sup>th</sup> June?!

## The Class Attendance Space Race Treat – Which classes have the best attendance and who is going to win? It is still all to play for!



The winners will be announced on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July

**1<sup>st</sup> place** winners will either have a fun swim or JumpinGym on **17<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place** winners will have their treat in the last week of term.

If your child's class are the winners you will be notified by parent mail.

### Holidays in Term Time

Many of you will have seen media reports regarding a recent Supreme Court ruling about term time absence. **This has clarified the situation and confirmed that schools have authority to refuse to authorise absence for holidays. This is based on the fact that there are thirteen weeks available to parents for holidays which would not impact on their child's education.**

The Government guidelines and school policy regarding term time holidays is clear. It is policy not to authorise any absence for term time holidays. If a family is aware of the need for a future absence from school they should write to the Head Teacher explaining the need for the absence, giving as much detail as possible. The Head Teacher will give the matter full consideration and he has the authority to authorise up to 10 days absence in exceptional circumstances. A holiday does not reach the criteria of exceptional circumstances.

If a family does take a term time holiday they will be referred to the Herefordshire Council Legal Department who will make the decision as to what action will be taken. This action can include fines and even court action and will take into account previous attendance and previous holiday absence.

This policy is based on sound statistical information that any absence from school is detrimental to a child's education and the school has a duty to do everything it can to ensure that all children receive the best possible start in life.

T Lewis - Home/School Liaison Officer

### We are here to help

If you have any questions or concerns about attendance, please speak to:

**Headteacher:** Mr Mamak

**Deputy Headteacher/Safeguarding Leader:** Mrs Lynch

**Learning Mentor:** Miss Swain

**Home/School Liaison:** Mr Lewis

Ways to contact the school to let us know why your child is not present:-



**Phone:** 01568 616919    **Email:** [attendance@lps.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@lps.hereford.sch.uk)    **Letter:** Send a note on the day, via a friend or family member    **Parentmail:** Speak to the office if you haven't signed up

***It is your responsibility to ring each and every day that your child is absent.***