Attendance Newsletter - Autumn 2

Our whole school attendance for half term 1 (2024/2025) was 93.6%, which is a slight improvement on the previous year of 93.2%. We will continue improving attendance across the federation, by working closely with families towards achieving our **school target of 97%.**

Mrs Richards will continue monitoring attendance and punctuality on a daily basis along with our Education Welfare Officer Miss Withers from Walsall Council. We are keen to ensure that all children attend school regularly, as you are aware, it is important for your child’s friendships and academic progress. In addition, it is proven that good attendance is linked with academic success, throughout their educational learning journey. The school website is updated weekly, tracking attendance and punctuality. You can help us achieve this target throughout the year by ensuring your child has regular attendance.

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| **Individual Attendance awards**  Bronze, badges will be awarded at the end of this half term. All children above 97% will receive the star badge and the children with 100% will receive the 100% badge. | **Classes**  The class with the highest attendance in Autumn term 1 was **Year 2. Miss Turner’s class, with 98.2% Well Done!**  Each pupil will receive **one golden ticket each** for the Autumn term prize draw in December |

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| **Punctuality**  Autumn term 1 – 252 late codes were recorded. Although this is less than 2023-2024, further improvement is required. Please note gates open to all pupils at 8.40am until 8.50am, and lessons start promptly.  A weekly text will be sent to all parent / carers with an update of the previous week’s lateness. Mrs Richards will continue to work with individual families to improve lateness at both the start and end of the school day. |

 

Safeguarding Newsletter - Autumn 2

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children is everyone’s responsibility and our top priority. The children’s wellbeing, safety, achievement and happiness underpin every decision we make. Across the King’s Federation, we ensure that all of our staff are well trained in all aspects of safeguarding and this training is regularly updated and frequently revisited throughout the year.

We also ensure that our curriculum provides the children with age appropriate opportunities to learn how to keep themselves healthy and safe.

With this in mind, we will be sending out a half-termly newsletter informing you of any recent safeguarding updates as well as providing you with key information around a range of safeguarding issues.

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| **Operation Encompass**  Established to help schools provide in-school support to children who have been present at, exposed to or involved in any domestic abuse incident. As part of the Operation Encompass procedure, the school will now receive a confidential email from West Midlands Police before 9am the morning after a child or young person has been witness to, or involved in, any reported domestic abuse incident. Here at Kings Hill, we have a dedicated and child-focused Safeguarding Team. We are trained to effectively use the information the Police share, in confidence, and enable the school to provide the right support to any child and their family. | **Black Country food bank**  At Kings Hill, we have collaborated up with BCFB. This mean we are able to provide our families with food bank vouchers should they be experiencing difficult times. Please speak to a member of the safeguarding team if you need any support. They will be more than happy to help.  **Black Country Foodbank have distribution centres in Dudley, Sandwell and Walsall**  We would like to thank you for your generous donations for Harvest. All donations were passed on to BCFB**.**  C:\Users\kelly.jones\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.MSO\4DABA538.tmp | **Early Help**  At Kings Hill, we aim to offer support to our families at the earliest opportunity. Early help provides support to families at their level of need. If you think, you would benefit from support then please pop in and speak to **Miss Jones** who will be happy to discuss Early Help support.  HAF Offer  (Holiday Activities Programme)  HAF is a free programme for children and young people. Your child is eligible if they are   * **Aged 5 to 16** * **Eligible for benefit-related free school meals**   If you do not already have a code please speak to a member of the team who will be able to help. |

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| **Our school safeguarding team**  If you have any concerns about a child's welfare or safety, please speak to a member of the safeguarding team:  Miss K Jones – Designated safeguarding lead  Mrs N Matharu – Headteacher / DSL  Mrs N Patel – Deputy Head / DSL  Mrs D Richards – Attendance / DSL  Mrs W Carter – SENCO | You can also report any concerns you have to Walsall (MASH) Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub on:  **0300 555 2866** Monday - Thursday 08.45-17.15 & Friday 08.45 - 16.45  Out of Hours Emergency Response Team:  **0845 111 2922** |