

## Attendance Newsletter - May 2024

Our school attendance target is 96%. The overall attendance so far this year is 93.26%. It is really important that we continue to work together to do all we can to prioritise the children's attendance at school.

★ Well done to Class 5, which have the highest attendance this term at 97.03%! ★

### SPOTLIGHT ON PUNCTUALITY

#### WHY IS PUNCTUALITY SO IMPORTANT?

It's a **GREAT START** to the day, putting your child in a positive frame of mind to make the most of the day's learning and activities.

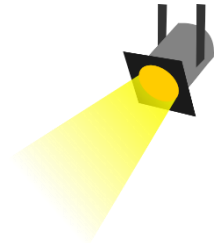
Punctuality is linked to good attendance, and as we know, good attenders have more opportunities, more support and therefore achieve more!

#### ALSO...

It helps your child make friends (in the playground) which leads to improved self-confidence and therefore **SUCCESS**.

#### AND...

It sets your child up for their future – whether it is college, work or university, they could lose their place or lose their job if they think it's ok to be late!



## Getting Your Child to School Really Matters

### Did You Know... ?

| In a School Year, If Your Child is Late Every Day By... | Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately... | or They Would Have Missed Approximately... |
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| 5 Minutes   | 3.5 Days from School                        | 20 Lessons                                 |
| 10 Minutes  | 7 Days from School                          | 41 Lessons                                 |
| 15 Minutes  | 10 Days from School                         | 55 Lessons                                 |
| 20 Minutes  | 14.5 Days from School                       | 82 Lessons                                 |
| 30 Minutes  | 22 Days from School                         | 123 Lessons                                |

**Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance**



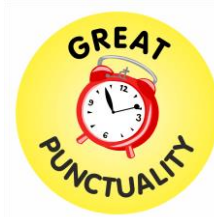
## TYPES OF LATENESS

**1. Late before register closes at 9:15am** - Your child is a few minutes late – but they have missed the opportunity to say hello to and play with friends. They are likely to feel unsettled and embarrassed as they start morning lessons.

**2. Late after register closes at 9:15am** - This counts as an unauthorised absence and will show on your child's attendance record. Not only has your child missed the chance to meet with their friends before school, they are likely to have missed the start of lessons and could feel unsettled, embarrassed and much less confident than their classmates as the lesson moves on.

## OAKWOOD'S TOP TIPS

- ★ Get to know your child's school timetable – work together to make sure they have everything ready the night before e.g. books, PE or swimming kit, uniform!
- ★ Get your child into the habit of doing their homework in the evening – instead of in the morning at the breakfast table.
- ★ Make sure your child has a good bedtime routine so they get plenty of rest and don't struggle out of bed in the morning – not a bad idea for parents either!
- ★ Invest in a good, reliable alarm clock – make setting it part of your child's bedtime routine.
- ★ Try to ensure your child has a good breakfast to set them up for the day.
- ★ Have a back-up plan for getting your child to school in case something crops up – friends or family, perhaps neighbours who are taking their children to school anyway.
- ★ Allow lots of time for your journey.
- ★ If you are finding it difficult to get your child to school on time, talk to a teacher and ask for help!



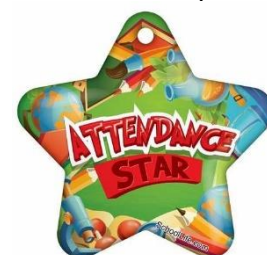
## Attendance Awards

100% ATTENDANCE! Amazing work from 24 of our school children who have been in school every day during the school year. All pupils who have 100% attendance for the whole year, will be entered into a special raffle; all runners up will receive a wonderful prize too.

Each week, all pupils with 100% attendance for that week, will have their names chosen from random, to win a special prize.

Each term we will also reward children with

- Most Improved attendance
- Good Attendance
- 100% attendance for the term – **winner receives a £10 Amazon voucher.**



Don't forget to visit our **Attendance Page** on the school website for more information:

[Attendance | Oakwood Junior School](#)