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Good attendance sustained into Spring Term

Despite it being the season of sniffles and colds, attendance has kept up this term, with most classes still over the target of 95.5%. For the year as a whole, since September, average attendance is currently 95.7%. Of course some classes have fared better than others, with Reception and Year 6 well below target, while Y3 and Y5 are far ahead.

Good attendance arises from staying healthy - eating healthily, exercising regularly and resting well - and also ensuring holidays are only ever taken in the school holidays.

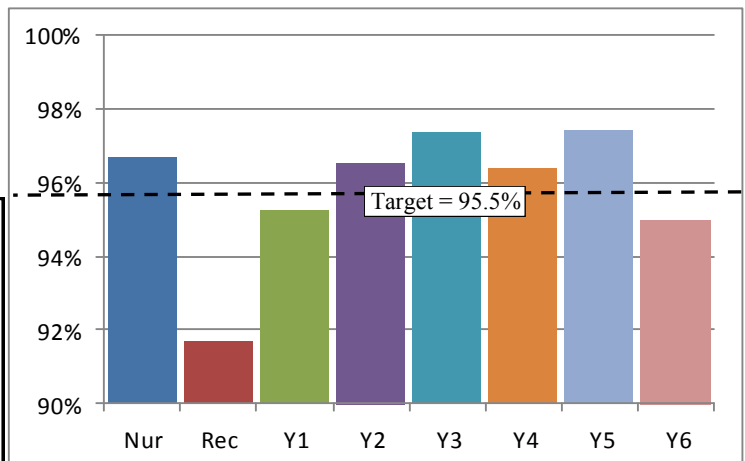
Have a school dinner

School dinners have always been the butt of jokes on TV and in comics, but we are very proud of the meals served up each day in the canteen. The Aspens team serve up over 200 healthy, tasty meals a day, but all too often, a child will tell their parents horror stories, in exchange for a packet of crisps or a chocolate bar at home-time.

Therefore we are inviting all parents and carers to see - and taste - the truth for themselves. You are invited to book a meal and eat with your child, any day Tuesday to Friday.

You will need to call the School Office before 10am, to book a meal for that day. Sharon Lester, in the Office, has the times that each class are eating. You will need to pay for your meal - and you will be given a child's portion and charged the same price.

Mr Langford will also be around, to explain the lunchtime procedures, answer any questions and discuss any concerns. Unfortunately he is not available on Mondays, due to teaching commitment, but you can choose any other day of the week, in any week, to visit.



Attendance since September

Police warning:

Pedestrians taking risks

We had a visit from our local Police Community Liaison Officer yesterday, after a local driver contacted them about the risks pedestrians are taking crossing the Alcester Road. There is a pelican crossing very close to the school, and yet we have seen parents dragging their children across Alcester Road, close to Reddings Road.

This is just below the brow of a hill, and such a dangerous place to cross, while drivers heading into town will not see you, until it is potentially too late.

Please also realise what you are teaching your children. Though you may feel able to judge the speed of cars and spot gaps in the traffic, would you trust your child to cross alone? Set the best example to them, and only use the pedestrian crossing.



Aspens

Contract Food and Support Services

Each day, bread, water and fresh fruit are available. There is also a daily sandwich option. This is the menu for next week:

Monday

Beef meatballs with pasta, or Quorn spaghetti bolognaise;
Lemon and orange cake

Tuesday

Homemade chicken or veggie burger in a bap with wedges;
Fruit shortcake

Wednesday

Roast beef with roast potatoes and Yorkshire pudding, or veggie Toad-in-the-hole;
Rice pudding and sultanas

Thursday

Jacket potato bar: Freshly baked jacket served with Quorn bolognaise, baked beans, tuna or celeriac slaw;
Golden cracknell

Friday

Baked fish goujons with chips or roasted vegetable risotto;
Chocolate iced sponge with chocolate custard

*This menu is dependant on availability of ingredients and is subject to change.
All cream and custard is non-dairy.*

Israel afterschool Club

There are still places available in the Israel Club, which starts this Monday (29th January). This is being run as an afterschool club this term, open to Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6. Learn all about this incredible country, with games, art projects, music and drama, led by our Habonim students Ruby and Lauren.



Reversing onto pavements

There was a near miss earlier this week, as a parent did a U-turn in Reddings Road. We don't think they were aware that the back of their car, as they reversed in the manoeuvre, went right over the pavement, forcing a mother to pull her small children to safety. Please be aware of the dangers when reversing and give plenty of space to pedestrians on the pavement.

Dress for the weather

In these wintry months, it is essential that children are appropriately dressed for the cold. However all too often, children are brought to school by car, without the clothes they need to keep healthy and warm through breaktime and lunchtime. Please note that when there is snow, children are welcome to come to school wearing wellington boots, with their school shoes in a bag. They can then change their shoes once they get to their classroom, and change again each breaktime.



Friday night Kiddush

Every Friday afternoon the whole school comes together for a mock Friday evening Kiddush - the meal that brings in Shabbat (the Sabbath day).

Tomorrow is Y3's turn to help lay the table or sit and take part. All parents are warmly welcomed to join us for this assembly at 1:30pm.



Shabbat Shalom

Shabbat begins tomorrow evening at 4:24pm and ends at 5:40pm on Saturday evening. In Synagogue this Shabbat, the portion of the Torah being read is "Parshat Beshalach", giving us our Theme of the Week "Appreciating the food Hashem gives us."



Letters home this week...

Israel afterschool club (Y4 to Y6)
Termly letter (Y6)
End of year reports (Y6)

Coming up...

Friday 26th January, 1:30pm:
Shabbat Kiddush, led by Y3
Friday 2nd February, 1:30pm: Y3 Class assembly