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Celebrating Good Attendance

Dear Parents / Carers

Attendance at Larchwood continues to be just above national average.

Sending your child to school is a parental responsibility. I recently read a very interesting article in the education press saying exactly that. However, it is schools that are often held to account for this. Myself and the office team spend a long time ensuring attendance is as good as it can be and for the majority of children, it is very good.

We don't take this for granted, and want to keep working with families to ensure that attendance continues improve. We are taking additional steps to encourage as high attendance as possible and these are below:

- We are now sharing the importance of good attendance in every class each week. Each class teacher will talk about the classes' attendance for the previous week and for the year will be discussed – 5L are currently in the lead with 98% attendance and will take some catching.
- From this week, the class that achieves over 98% attendance at the end of the week will receive 5 minutes extra play, a certificate for the door and the attendance trophy.
- Where attendance for a child improves, there will be more text messages home congratulating them as there will also be for 100% attendance each term.
- Finally, from the spring term, every child who has over 98% attendance for the term will be in a raffle to be invited to a special lunch or afternoon tea with myself and Mrs Jaycock and one of their parents / carers. By inviting the parent / carer, it brings it back to my point about good attendance being the parent's responsibility – they have ensured their child is in school every day.

Thank you for your continued support around the importance of good attendance.

Mr S Bowsher
Headteacher

