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Reception Classes - Weekly Attendance Competition

Dear Reception Parents and Carers,

As we are now halfway through the autumn term, we are continuing to focus on improving attendance across Reception. To support this, we have introduced a friendly weekly attendance competition between the Reception classes.

Each week, the class with the best attendance will win a small reward of playing on the pirate ship in the KS1playground for an extra 10 minutes that week! The winning class will be announced and shared on Google Classroom by Mrs Shahid.

Regular attendance is particularly important during the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). Reception is a crucial stage in your child's development, when they are building the foundations for future learning. Children are developing essential skills in early reading, writing, maths, communication and language, as well as learning how to share, take turns, work with others and build friendships.

Being in school regularly helps children:

- Develop confidence, independence and positive relationships with their teachers and classmates.
- Establish consistent routines and feel settled and secure in their learning environment.
- Build friendships and develop important social skills through play and group activities.
- Make steady progress in early phonics, reading, writing and maths.

In Reception, so much of our learning takes place through practical activities, play, discussion and interaction with others. When children miss school, they can miss valuable learning experiences that are sometimes difficult to recreate.

We therefore kindly ask for your support in ensuring your child attends school every day and arrives on time, wherever possible. Of course, we understand that children will occasionally be unwell; however, we encourage families to avoid unnecessary absences so that children can make the most of every learning opportunity.

Let's work together to give our Reception children the very best start to their school journey! We look forward to seeing which class achieves the best attendance each week.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Shahid **Miss Uddin**
Assistant Headteacher **Designated Attendance Lead**