



# Edgewood Primary School

**Building skills and values for life**

Thursday, 09 February 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

## HALF TERM

We have an INSET day on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February. School will re-open on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February.

## ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Rosa Class for achieving 100% attendance for this week 6<sup>th</sup> February – 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

At Edgewood Primary and Nursery School we value children's attendance, as children with low attendance make less progress at school.

- Good attendance is 97% or better 5½ days off or less over the whole year - less than two days each term!
- Satisfactory attendance is 95% to 96.9% Up to 9½ days off over the whole year – up to 3 days off each term.
- Attendance causing concern is 90% to 94.9% Up to 19 days off each year – up to 6 days off each term.
- Unacceptably low attendance is below 90% More than 19 days off in a year – more than 6 days off each term.

If attendance below 95% we will ask for evidence of each absence so we can record them as authorised. Suitable evidence could be:

- Prescription from your doctor
- Appointment card or letter
- A note or letter from your doctor, dentist or hospital

3 more days' unauthorised absence will trigger a warning letter and a meeting with the head teacher to see how school can help improve attendance. At that meeting we will discuss the steps to ensure better attendance if possible.

It has come to our attention that we have sent a number of you our second warning letter without you receiving the first letter. This was a clerical error and please accept our apologies if this has affected you. We do not take any action or issue fines without arranging a meeting with you to discuss attendance so please do not be concerned if you have been subjected to this oversight.

## HALF TERM ACHIEVERS

Hollie Barksby	For being a superstar at lunchtime and for constantly challenging herself and being a great role model to her peers.
Alisha Bird	For her effort with her reading and writing over this half-term
Lexi Musgrove	For her ambitious attitude towards her learning
Amelia Pollitt	For being a superstar at lunchtimes
Kian Boot	For being determined to continuously try his best and always striving to improve
Cameron Hendren	For being a superstar at lunchtime
Lexie Hufton	For growing in confidence and challenging herself in all that she does
James Jackson	For a consistently excellent attitude to school, work - and reading!
Joshua Marshall	For his determination to improve his writing through careful selection of ambitious vocabulary
Noah Megeary	For being eager to learn as he dedicates his own lunchtime to understand certain challenges in maths. For going above and beyond in lessons by sharing his knowledge to the class and always asking questions.
Lois Samples	For being willing to tackle every challenge, reflect on mistakes and being determined to succeed.
Chloe Short	For constantly striving to produce excellent work, even if she does find it at times a little challenging. Well done Chloe, you should be proud of yourself.

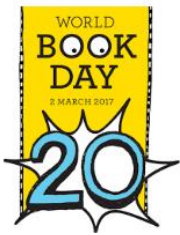


Sinea Tuitt

For being a kind and caring member of Yellow Class who always tries her best

Abigail Whitmore

For being an all-round superstar at lunchtimes



**BOOK WEEK 2017** Monday 27th February – Friday 3rd March 2017

Our school will be taking part in an exciting Book Week to celebrate reading for pleasure and we hope everyone will join in the fun! There will be lots of activities, competitions etc. for all pupils and we wanted to give you advanced notice of three of them.

On Wednesday 1st March 2017, author and educator Gareth Baker is visiting school to tell pupils all about getting a story from first ideas to printed book and leading some storytelling sessions with our Foundation Stage pupils. He is also holding a “meet the author” session straight after school in the dining room area where pupils can buy signed copies of his books and talk to him about books and stories.

On Thursday 2nd March 2017, to tie in with World Book Day, we are inviting everyone to dress up as a book character! Take some time with your children over half term to browse their book collection and then together unleash your creativity and come up with some fabulous ideas to make the day go with a swing! There are lots of tips online for easy, cheap costumes so you don't need to go to great expense. As well as dressing up on the day we are also asking pupils to bring along the copy of the book their character is from.

During Book Week every pupil in the school will receive a £1 World Book Day book voucher. These can either be exchanged for one of TEN special £1 World Book Day books (some supermarkets like Tesco and Sainsbury's are planning to stock these) or used to get £1 off any book costing £2.99 or more. You can find out more about the books at [worldbookday.com/books](http://worldbookday.com/books). The voucher can be redeemed at most UK bookshops. Please help your child to use it on or around World Book Day by visiting your local bookshop (if you need help finding one, visit [booksellers.org.uk/bookshopsearch](http://booksellers.org.uk/bookshopsearch)).



**RED NOSE DAY** Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017

As a school we will be taking part in this year's fundraising spectacular. We will advise after half term how we intend to celebrate the day.

**FREE CINEMA SCREENING AT ST PETER AND ST PAUL'S CHURCH** - Come along and join in the free fun!

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2pm      Ice Age Collision Course

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1pm      Star Trek in Darkness

**MUM2MUM POP UP MARKET** Sunday 26th February 2017 at The Holgate Academy, 2pm-4pm.

Nearly new baby, children's and maternity goods sale where mums (and dads!) can book a table to sell their outgrown goods to other mums and mums-to-be. This will hopefully be a lovely event for the local area where families with small children can purchase goods at a fraction of the cost compared to buying new, whilst also bringing local families together in a friendly atmosphere.

Mr Seeley  
Head Teacher