



## Cuddington Primary School

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### Re. Quick Bulletin (including dates for the diary)

Dear families,

This is a quick bulletin to keep you updated on some key information areas and dates for the diary. Please continue to access Dojo for pictures and information about the children's learning and experiences, and some whole school celebration of some of our fantastic achievements like our recent wonderful Year 5/6 indoor athletics performance.

#### Family survey and drop in sessions

Thank you for those who shared their opinions, and those who booked in to meet with me. It was lovely to hear your voices in the survey, and meet some of you face to face. In the new term, I will also be arranging an informal coffee event for anyone who would just like to drop in and say hello (see dates below).

Before the end of this half term, I will share:

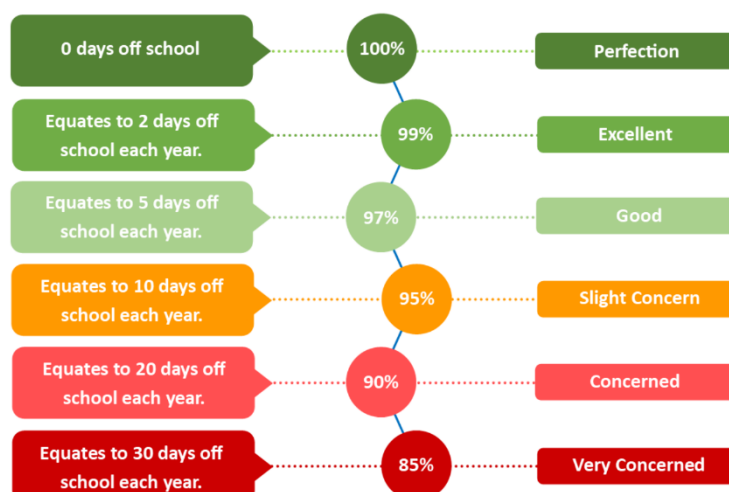
- The collated family survey feedback and actions
- A home-school communications guide

#### Quick reminders about attendance and punctuality

Our current whole school attendance is: **96.9%** This is better than national averages. Our aim for every child is 96% attendance over the year, which when you consider that 95% attendance equates to 10 days absence, accounts for a reasonable level of minor illness and absence.

**Our school day starts at 8.40am when the doors to school open.** Learning starts straight away in classes and doors are open until 8.55am to capture any latecomers. ***Being on time at 8.40am means no learning time is lost and your child is present for early morning activities that include reading, spelling, handwriting, maths fluency (tables or other activities), phonics or other small group work.***

The graphic below demonstrates how different attendance percentages translate to days absence. We are always here to support if you have concerns over attendance or getting your child to school. We may also reach out to you if we have concerns about your child's attendance. 90% or below is defined as 'persistent absence' by the Department for Education.



## Mental Health Day and World Book Day

As part of reviewing events and celebrations on offer for our children, we are starting this week with in-school activities to support and promote mental health as a priority. Children will learn from a range of activities provided by Place to Be, a mental health charity for children. **We will also be having a non-uniform day on Friday this week**, where children can wear a colour that represents them and/or brings them joy. I will be talking about positive mental health in our assembly this week.

World Book Day is in March this year, and we would like to celebrate this at Cuddington on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March**. Children and adults will be invited to dress up as their favourite **book character** to celebrate reading and the books children love to read. Again, children will take part in activities that promote the love of reading.

Please let us know if you will struggle with finding a costume. As options, we suggest:

- Taking part in the local library swap ([Link with information here](#))
- Looking for ideas that involve clothes your child would usually wear at home, with a couple of accessories
- Considering Vinted as an option to pick-up pre-loved items

## **Dates for Spring Term – including some PTA dates**

New dates are in green.

You will note some PTA activities in the calendar. Our PTA do a *fabulous* job in organising events for our children to enjoy, and to raise funds for the school. We had a productive meeting this week talking about future events and how we can best support the school. Regular volunteers, and new members, are crucial to running successful events and we welcome new additions! Please contact the school office if you think you may be able to spare some time (however little!). There will also be a **PTA colour raffle during the next term**.

Date	Event
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Non-uniform day for Mental Health Day – wear colours that represent you, or bring you joy!
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 1 trip to Manchester Airport
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day in school – assemblies and learning etc
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes for half term
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	School reopens to pupils Young Voices event
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March onwards	SEND family/parent meetings to be scheduled
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents coffee morning with Mrs Hacking and Mrs Potter – call in from 9am (after school drop off) to 9.45am – an informal opportunity to meet with us both and chat/put names to faces!
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day dress-up and activities
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Spring Parents' Evening appointments with teachers
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Spring Parents' Evening appointments with teachers
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Non-uniform day – bring a colour item for your class (colour TBC) in return, for our PTA rainbow raffle
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	PTA Disco (times TBC)
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	PTA Easter Tuck Shop (the information about how to order will be communicated)

With best wishes for the week ahead,



Mrs Beth Hacking - *Headteacher*