

BROOKSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

ATTENDANCE NEWSLETTER: MAY 2017

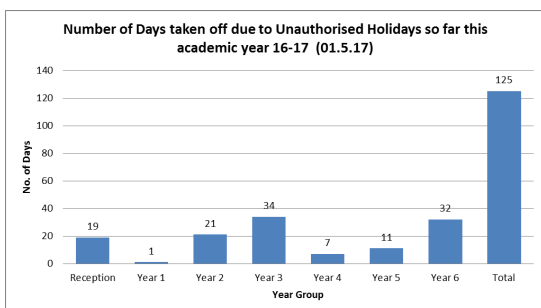
The Summer Term is Here!

Can you believe that the summer term is here already! We hope that you all had a lovely Bank holiday break and are refreshed and ready to move on with this new term. As a school we know the benefits of regular attendance for the children's learning and are keen to celebrate our pupils' attendance regularly.

Term Time Holidays

In previous newsletters we have spoken to you about the changes to government regulations regarding term time taken off during the school term.

As some of you may be aware from the news, there has been an ongoing court case regarding these changes. The decision of the Supreme Court on the matter of 'regular attendance' in the case of Isle of Wight v Platt has now been heard and the judgment of the Supreme Court has finally been released. They have acknowledged that there are sound policy reasons for not allowing term time holidays and that ultimately the legal position remains the same. Unless there are **exceptional circumstances** a term time holiday is contrary to s.444 (1) of the Education Act 1996 and an FPN can be issued.



As you can see from the graph Unauthorised Holidays remains a key area of concern for us here at Brookside Primary School. So far this year **125** school days have been missed by our pupils due to unauthorised holidays. Can we ask that you please take the time to read the attached letter from Cheshire West and Chester Council which explains our authority's policy on unauthorised holidays moving forward following the results of the court case.

Year Group Attendance Figures (Spring Term)

Year 2— 97.3%

Year 1— 96.8%

Year 3— 96.8%

Year 4— 96.8%

Year 6— 95.7%

Year 5— 95.1%

Reception— 94.4%

Congratulations to our Winners Yr 2!

Congratulations to all the children that achieved their 100% attendance for the Spring Term and received their Easter Egg. There were **70** children in total who achieved this. How many will we have at the end of the Summer Term?



EVERYDAY COUNTS - ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW!