

# BROOKSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

ATTENDANCE NEWSLETTER: September 2017

## Welcome Back

Welcome back to our new school year and your new classes. We hope that you enjoyed your summer break, although I'm sure it now feels like you have never been away ☺

As we start this school year we would like to take the opportunity to say **THANK YOU** to all of our families who consistently work to ensure their children's attendance and punctuality is high. Getting these important habits established early on in your child's life will make a difference in their futures. There is a proven link between attendance and achievement and it is therefore very important that your child attends school every day unless there are exceptional circumstances.

On a number of occasions last year we wrote to tell you that the Government regulations had now changed with regards to time off during the school term. We would like to take this opportunity to remind all of our parents that time off during the school term will only be authorised in **exceptional circumstances**, all parents/guardians must complete a request form before taking any time off school. If your request for term time absence is refused and your child is still taken out of school, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised and noted on your child's records. This may incur a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued.

### Punctuality

We appreciate the effort it takes some of our families to get to school on time and we hope we can continue to work with those families that find this more of a struggle to support them to make the improvements that are needed. Lack of punctuality affects learning and behaviour not only of the pupil who is late, but it has an impact on all other learners as the teacher is required to recap on missing learning for those who arrive late. This reduces learning time for the rest of the class. Please make every effort to get your children into school on time.

### End of Year Celebration Assemblies

We had our End of Year Attendance Celebration Assembly in the last week before we broke up for the summer. This is an opportunity to celebrate all of our children's attendance achievements and a particular well done goes to all of our 100% attenders for the whole of the school! year.



## Year Group Attendance Figures

Full Year	Sept 16–July 17
Year 2	96.7%
Year 1	96.4%
Year 4	96.3%
Year 3	95.9%
Year 5	95.7%
Year 6	95.5%
Reception	94.9%

Congratulations Yr 2  
what a  
fantastic effort

