

BROOKSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

ATTENDANCE NEWSLETTER: September 2018

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 again **THANK** 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.

During the last school year there were a large number of school days missed by our pupils due to unauthorised holidays. This continues to be a concern for us here at Brookside and is something that we wish to work with our parents on to improve. Unfortunately there were **282** days missed by our pupils last year due to unauthorised holidays being taken during term time. May we take this opportunity to remind all of our parents that time off during term time is only allowed in exceptional circumstances and that all parents must complete an exceptional circumstances form when requesting time off during term time. A number of Fixed Penalty Notices were issued to parents last year and will continued to be issued should this remain a problem.

Punctuality

Can we remind parents to ensure that their children arrive to school on time and ready to learn. Classes are disrupted when pupils arrive late.

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 17–July 18
Year 4	96.9%
Year 5	96.3%
Year 3	96%
Year 6	95.9%
Year 2	95.8%
Year 1	95%
Reception	91.5%

Congratulations Yr 4
what a
fantastic effort

