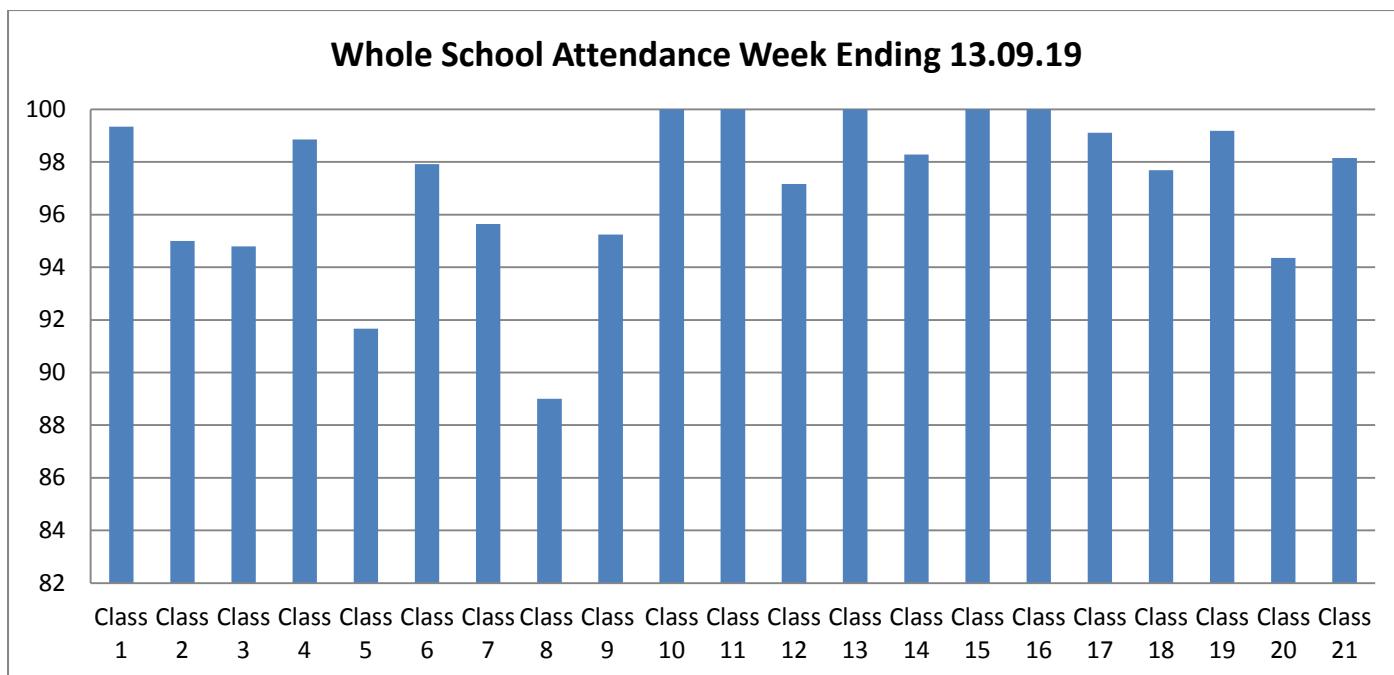




Attendance



Our target for the academic year is 95.7%. Take a look at the graph above to see how your child's class is performing. Mr Hampshire continues to identify pupils who arrive late for school on a daily basis. He will shortly be making appointments with parents of pupils who are consistently late.

ALDI's Kit for Schools

We are collecting the stickers from ALDI's to try to win equipment for school. Aldi's Kit for Schools promotion is giving 20 primary schools the chance to win £20,000 to kick-start a health legacy for their school. What's more, every school who enters by completing their Aldi's Kit for Schools poster will also receive an exclusive school sports kit! You can collect a sticker with every £30 spent in store and help to fill up our poster for a chance to win. Please send all stickers into school with your child so they can be stuck onto the poster!

Coffee Morning

Our next coffee morning will take place on Wednesday 25th September at 9:00am. This is an opportunity to meet staff in an informal and relaxed environment to discuss issues which are important to you. Please make every effort to attend.

Grapes

Over recent weeks I have noticed a number of children bringing grapes to school for their snack at lunchtime which have not been sliced in half. Would all parents please ensure that grapes are sliced in half length ways in order to reduce the risk of choking. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Parking

The situation in the school car park at the end of the school day is a cause for concern. Over recent weeks I have observed a number of vehicles parking on grass verges and even on the zebra crossings. This poses a serious health and safety risk to pupils leaving school at the end of the day. I have asked the local authority to repaint the zebra crossings to make them more visible to drivers. I have also asked staff to ensure that their vehicles are parked in

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the staff carpark which should create more spaces. I am doing all that I can to improve the situation but I need cooperation and support from parents and grandparents. If the situation does not improve then I will be left with no option but to lock the gates into the school and only allow pedestrian access. This is a situation I really wish to avoid but the safety of my pupils is my paramount concern.

Heddlu Bach

I am delighted to announce that we have been chosen as one of fifty schools across South Wales to introduce the Heddlu Bach (Little Police) this year. Twenty pupils from across Year 5 and 6 will complete an application process to become our police officers. If successful, they will be provided with a uniform and will support the school and local police in addressing concerns in the Oakdale area.

End of School Day

Many of you will be aware that I have been on the playground at the end of the school day this week. During this time I have observed children swinging on branches of trees, riding scooters, throwing stones down the banking and climbing over the fence on the decking. Please be aware that once infant pupils leave their classrooms parents are responsible for their child. I will continue to monitor the playground at the end of the school day and ask for your support in ensuring pupils are kept safe.

In addition, please remember that junior pupils are still in session until 3:15pm. A number of classes are being disturbed by parents and children before this time. If you are sat outside a classroom, please be respectful and remember that pupils are still working. Thank you for your cooperation.

Mr C George
Headteacher

Mrs J Hughes
Chair of School Governors