



St. Matthew's

Forest School

January Newsletter 2024

A message from Mrs Patel

As the new Headteacher at St Matthew's I want to wish you a Happy New Year!

It has been wonderful to meet and chat with so many of you on the school gates at the beginning and end of the school day. It was also fantastic to see so many of you at the 'Meet the Headteacher' session on Wednesday. I hope you found the information shared during the meeting useful.

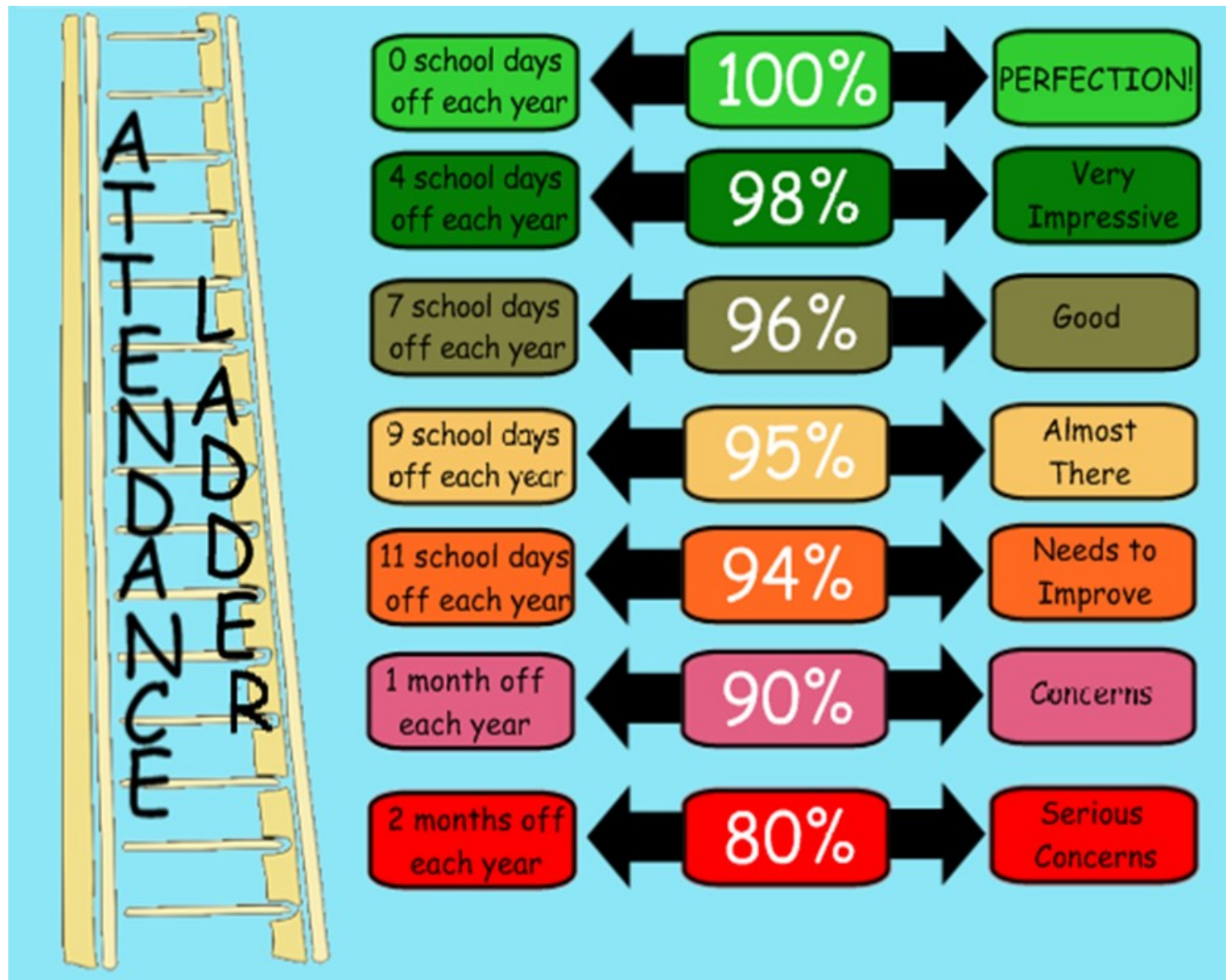
We have had a busy start to the term, and I know a lot of you have already attended the 'Meet and Greet sessions' with the class teachers, where information for the coming term has been shared with you. There are also lots of new clubs running after school including Dodgeball, Reading, Basketball, Hockey and a General Knowledge Club!

Each class also swapped their 5 reads from Autumn term for their new 5 reads for Spring term during a special assembly on Tuesday. It was lovely to hear the children from each class talk so enthusiastically about their Autumn reads!

Our new SENCo, Mrs Stryker, has also enjoyed her first week at St Matthew's and has been busy getting to know the children, staff and families she will be working closely with.

All in all, my first week at St Matthew's has been exhilarating! The children, staff and families have all made me feel so welcome and I already feel part of the St Matthew's family! Thank you so much! I am excited to begin this wonderful journey at St Matthew's and looking forward to working closely alongside you all.

Mrs Patel



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Attendance Percentage	Number of days missed	Number of lessons missed
100%	0 days	0
99%	2 days	18 lessons missed
97%	6 days (more than a week!)	54 lessons missed
95%	9 days	81 lessons missed
94%	11 days (more than 2 weeks!)	99 lessons missed
93%	13 days	117 lessons missed
92%	15 days (3 full weeks!)	135 lessons missed
91%	17 days	153 lessons missed
90%	18 days	144 lessons missed
85%	28 days (over 4 weeks!)	252 lessons missed



IMPORTANT REMINDERS



The School Day

The timings to the school day. All classrooms will be open at the start of the day from 8:40am. Every pupil **MUST** be in school ready to learn by 8:55am. If they arrive after this time they will get a late mark.



Uniform



Trousers (grey/black)

Skirts/pinafore dresses (grey/black)

Sweaters/sweatshirts/fleece/cardigans (navy blue)

Shirts/polo-necked shirts/ blouses (white)

Socks/tights (white/grey/black)

Footwear – black shoes/trainers (all black including laces, no obvious logos)

Jogging bottoms and jean style trousers are **NOT** allowed

Children should come dressed to school in school uniform everyday.

PE Kit for both boys and girls is as follows:

White polo shirt or T-shirt

Dark (navy blue, black, grey) jogging bottoms, leggings or shorts

Dark (navy blue, black, grey) sweatshirt/ fleece

Black Trainers or pumps

Please check on your child's class page to see when their P.E. days are.