July Newsletter 2023

St. Matthew's Forest School

A note from the Headteacher

We have nearly made it to the end of term. Please read this newsletter carefully as it gives you all some ideas and tips for the summer holidays. Please remember that we finish next Friday 21st July for the summer holidays at 1pm. Children can wear their own clothes on this morning

St Matthew's Summer Holidays Mental Health 5 TOP TIPS!

Keep a routine.

Make time for daily exercise and eat well!

Don't forget to rest... Zzz

Monitor your screen time (and remember what you have learnt about staying safe online!)
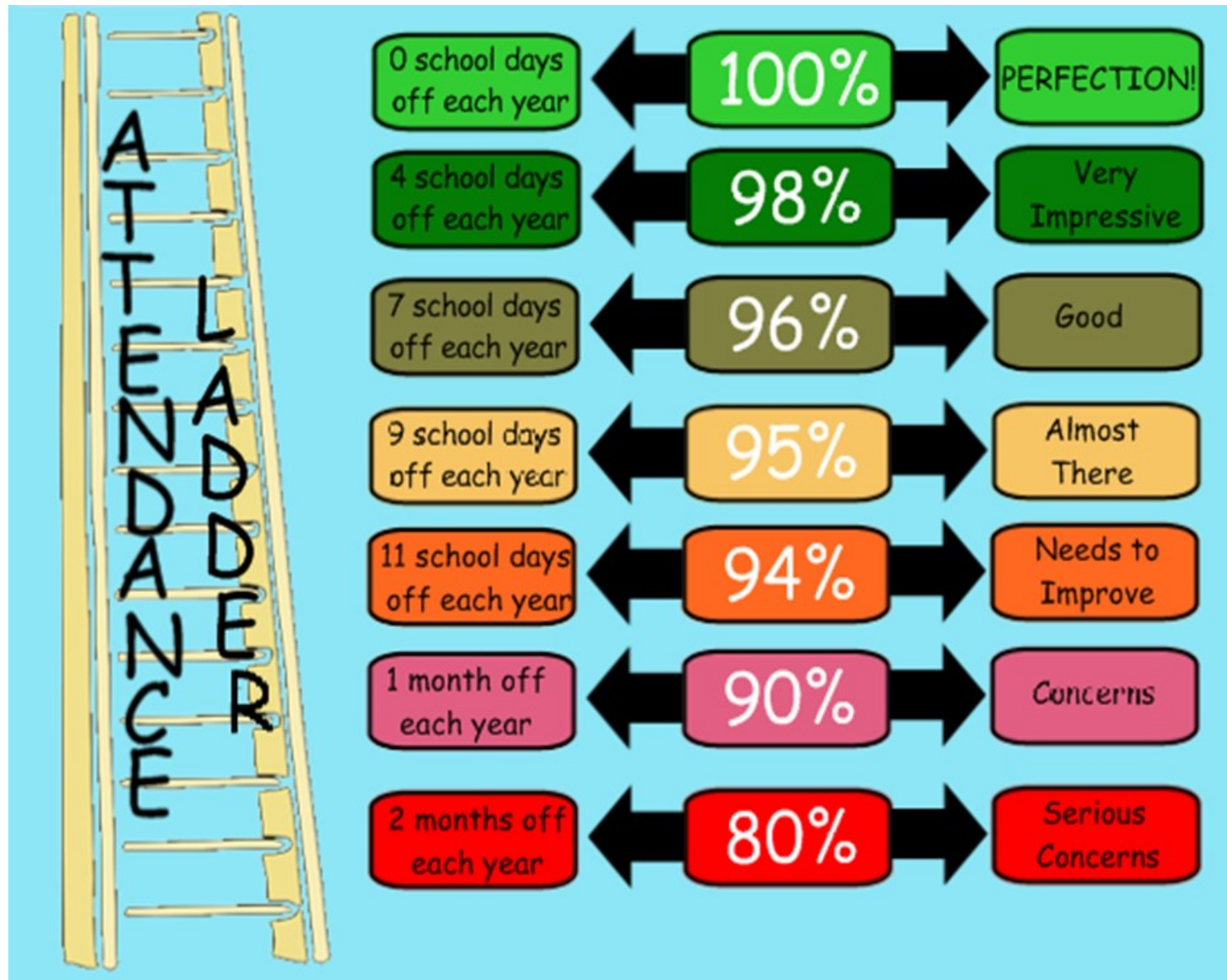
Make time for fun and go outside everyday!

Who can I talk to if I'm finding things tricky?

YOUNGMINDS
Text SHOUT to 85258.

ChildLine 0800 1111
Call 0800 1111.

ATTENDANCE LADDER

Days off	Percentage	Rating
0 school days off each year	100%	PERFECTION!
4 school days off each year	98%	Very Impressive
7 school days off each year	96%	Good
9 school days off each year	95%	Almost There
11 school days off each year	94%	Needs to Improve
1 month off each year	90%	Concerns
2 months off each year	80%	Serious Concerns

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

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.

Bolton's #HAF2023 - Summer 2023
Holiday Activities and Food Programme

Just got a letter and your booking code through the post? Don't lose it! Stick it on the fridge and search the 'tabs' below for free activity/food schemes near you.
Aged 12-16 - Free Serco Leisure & Jump Xtreme passes (if you have a HAF booking code).

Funded by the Department for Education and co-ordinated locally by Bolton Council, our HAF programme has been such fun so far. The funding supports children and families on **benefits related Free School Meals** with free fun, creative sessions offering sports, games, physical activity and food for a minimum **4 hours a day, 4 days a week. #TeamBolton** deliver a fantastic HAF programme over Easter, Summer and Christmas, with over 10,000 individual young people taking part last year! For more information on the national HAF programme visit the **Gov.uk website**

We are back again in Bolton this year, over the Easter, Summer & Christmas holidays (**#HAF2023**) with lots of **free** activity and food sessions, family events and much more! Some sessions are just for children and young people in receipt of benefit related free school meals, but **many are open to all young people (most council sessions and our big free park, play day & skate park events).**

https://www.bolton.gov.uk/HAF

Colour Run

Some children represented year 3 and 4 at the colour run.

Choir

Choir had an amazing time performing at Bolton School's Music Festival. They sang loud and clear, and did the school proud.
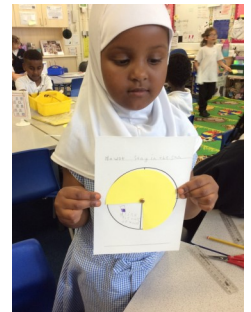
Sports Year 3 and Year 4

Some children represented year 3 and 4 at tennis and cricket club.

They represented us well and had a great time

Year 1

Year 1 have been looking at mechanisms. We made our own pop up and spinners. Our spinners are all about how to stay safe in the sun.

Year 2

Year 2 went on a fantastic trip t\o Blackpool Zoo. The children loved seeing all the different animals and their habitats.

Year 3

Year 3 had a wonderful time at Chester Zoo . We also had a great time at Year 3 and 4 sports day. Thanks to everyone that came to support us.

Year 4

We had so much fun at our sleepover! We spent lots of time playing outside and then we had snacks and juice whilst watching a film together.