



# Newsletter No 4

29th September 2023

## Head Boy and Head Girl

It has been an exciting time at Zouch Academy. The staff have voted for the Head/Deputy Boy and Head/Deputy Girl. We believe it's important to acknowledge these children who have been exceptional role models during their time at Zouch. We are delighted to announce the new Head Boy and Head Girl for 2023-24:



<b>Head Boy</b>	Tyler
<b>Head Girl</b>	Cerise
<b>Deputy Head Boy</b>	Nathan
<b>Deputy Head Girl</b>	Megan

## Values – Respect

Through every aspect of our curriculum, we model and explicitly teach our school values. A large part of the value of respect is appreciating differing views. This week, Miss Zhang led assembly on Diwali to celebrate the Hindu religion and allow the children the opportunity to understand different religious experiences.



## Safeguarding

As we are beginning to reach the darker evenings, please take extra care to ensure your children play safely outside, especially near the roads.

If older children walk home from clubs, it may be getting dark, so it is important that you tell them where it is safe to cross the roads, using the crossings on the main road. Please make sure that children are also safe on bikes and scooters and equip them with the correct safety equipment.

## Kind Minds Curriculum

Mrs Johnson leads wellbeing across the school and has completed the senior mental health training. She sent out a letter earlier this week celebrating the start of a brand new 'Kind Minds' curriculum here at Zouch. It is a daily curriculum specifically designed for the children with the aim of teaching them to be mentally healthy and focus on their well-being and the techniques to self-regulate. Each week in the newsletter I will share with you a specific mindful activity that the school focuses on that week. This week, the children have been using 'The Glitter Jar', where we have focused our minds whilst the glitter settles. Please feel free to try this mindfulness at home too to establish calmness when needed.



## Reception 'Stay and Do' Phonics.

As a school, we want to celebrate the incredible phonics learning that happens in school. We also understand how important it is for parents to understand what and how their children are learning. To do this, the Reception team are inviting Reception parents in to watch a phonics lesson take place. These will take place on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> October between 9:00 and 9:30. Please sign up on the sheet that will be on the Reception class door if you wish to attend. I recommend this invaluable opportunity to learn how you can best support your child at home.

We will be extending this invitation to our Y1 parents in the near future. Dates to be confirmed.





### Autumn Disco

It's soon to be the Autumn Disco! This will be held on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**.

5-5.45pm for Reception and KS1

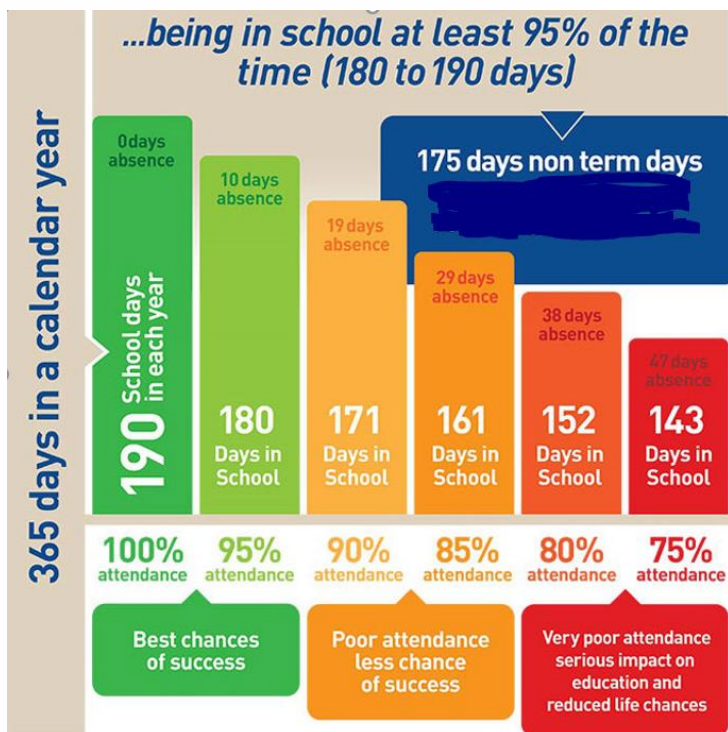
6-6.45pm for KS2.

**This will be set up on Parent Pay where you will need to book a place.** Children displaying repeated poor choices in school will not be allowed to attend the disco.

### Attendance Matters

It is vital that children are in school every day. This improves their chances of succeeding in school, ensures routine and enables the school the best chance to support your children. There are often misconceptions around absence from school and a wide range of myths regarding the impact. Below is a chart highlighting just how many days of absence is needed to drop into poor attendance and highlights how much education is missed once a child drops below 90%. This is why we will offer support before attendances gets to this point.

If you are concerned about your child's attendance, please get in touch with us as we may be able to support.



### Future dates for your diary:

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** – Individual Photographs

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October** – Census Lunch

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October** – **Teacher Training Day! School Closed to pupils**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October** – Wren and Robin Parent Phonic Stay and Do 9:00 – 9:30

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 3 Trip to Stonehenge

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 6 SATS Parent Workshop, 5PM, KS2 Hall

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October** – Reception 2024 Open Morning at 9.30am (please book via the school office)

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October** – Y4 Dance Performance to Parents at 09.15am

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October** – Wren and Robin's Parent Phonic Stay and Do 9:00 – 9:30

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October** – KS2 Virtual Meet and Greet with author Tom Palmer

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October** – Last day of term! Finish at 13.10pm

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**- School Autumn Disco 5-5.45pm for Rec + KS1 and 6-6.45pm for KS2. **Please book on parent pay.**