

The M Paper

Written by the pupils and staff at Michaelchurch Escley Primary School

Wednesday 1st March 2017

ATTENDANCE

This week we have been reviewing our school attendance and punctuality data. As a school we are committed to providing an education of the highest quality and we recognise this can only be achieved by supporting and promoting excellent school attendance.

Why is good attendance important?

It builds good habits, secures relationships and helps with self-esteem as children don't have a sense of having missed out on activities or unsure of what is going on in the classroom. It is also crucial for their learning and development as staff plan very carefully for every child, every day.

Currently, attendance is also a government focus and if schools are identified with significantly low attendance this can trigger a no-notice OFSTED inspection, which of course we would want to avoid. A worry for us, due to our small numbers, is just a couple of families with low attendance can have a huge impact on our overall percentages.

However, we recognise children cannot help being ill at times, and of course we don't expect them to be in school if they are. There are times when you may be unsure about sending your child in and on these occasions, we would encourage you to send them in, with the knowledge that we will keep a special eye on them and let you know if there's any change.

National Overall Average = 96%

School Overall Average = 95.60%

As you can see, we have dipped slightly below the national average. Hopefully this is just a short term blip and with us all working together, we can bring our attendance figures up again.

Thank you to all families who kept themselves healthy last term and avoided taking children out of school during the week.

Volunteer for Mother's Day Breakfast Event

The PTA are still looking for a volunteer to run the Mother's Day Breakfast. The PTA members will be more than willing to provide help, advice and support. Please contact myself (Claire.carden@pciservices.com) or Cheryl at the school if you would be willing to lead this event.



MONKEY MUSIC

Parent and
Toddler

Friday March 3rd

Clodock Church Meeting Room

9.15 am Refreshments

9.45 am Activities begin

10.45am Finish

Contact Polly Pascoe 01873 860292

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Sat 4th March	School Bingo 6.30pm
Tues 21st March	Fairfield Singing Workshop 1.30-4.30pm
Thurs 23rd March	Erene Grieve visit to give a talk on the history of stamps.
Wed 29th March	Mindfulness session with Huw Griffiths 3pm
Tues 28th March	Flexi-school parent's meeting 3pm
Thurs 6th April	Oak class assembly
Fri 7th April	Last day of Spring Term



SATURDAY 4TH MARCH

6.30PM

THE ESCLEYSIDE HALL

IN AID OF MICHAELCHURCH ESCLEY

PRIMARY SCHOOL

ALL WELCOME!

GOLD AWARDS



ANGHARAD

For an amazing find in
Forest Schools and for her
effort in Maths.



EVA

For always being eager to learn.



ROSIE

For her persistence in challenging
maths questions.

ORLIE

For putting lots of effort into his
writing.

JACK

For great use of planning to
organise his myth.

TAMSIN

For working on her
'can-do' attitude.