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Newsletter 3

9th November 2018

Children in Need

On Friday 16th November school is raising money for Children in Need. Apart from the children in years 3, 4 and 5 (who are performing at Leeds Town Hall) children can wear, for a small donation, non-uniform or spotty clothes.

Medicines

Please can I remind parents and carers that school can only administer medicine prescribed by a doctor. The medicine must have a pharmacist's label with the child's name on. Medications and prescriptions will need to be up to date. Staff cannot administer medicines without 'in-date' prescriptions

Takeover day

This year, since it is always lots of fun, school will have a takeover day where children can apply to complete the duties of an adult in school for 1 day only! Date to be confirmed.

Free School Meals

Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are automatically entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals, regardless of their parents' income. However if you receive any of the benefits listed below, and your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2, it's still important to register for a free school meal to ensure school doesn't miss out on funding called pupil premium.

Qualifying benefits include:

- Income Support, or
- income-based Job Seeker's Allowance, or
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance, or
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Universal Credit, if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, or
- Child Tax Credit, if you have an annual taxable income (as assessed by H M Revenue and Customs) which does not exceed £16,190
- if your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll continue to receive them until they move to a new stage of school, such as from primary into secondary school

Please note, if you are entitled to Working Tax Credit you do not qualify for free school meals unless:

- your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, or
- you are receiving Working Tax Credit Run-on. This is paid for 4 weeks after your employment ends or your hours reduce to under 16 hours per week.

Please visit or call school if you think your child is eligible for free school meals and you would like information or support on receiving the benefit. Alternatively follow the link <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/council-tax-and-benefits/free-school-meals> . You can also get help to complete the form by visiting any Council One Stop Centre or Community Hub.

Attendance

Here is a useful guide to highlight how much time could be missed over 5 years if a child's attendance is consistently lower than 95%. Evidence shows that children who have better attendance make more progress during their school careers.

| Attendance % | How much time is missed each week / fortnight | How much time is missed each year | How much time is missed over 5 years |
|--------------|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 95% | 1/2 day fortnightly | 2 weeks | 1/4 year |
| 90% | 1/2 day weekly | 4 weeks | 1/2 year |
| 85% | 1 1/2 day fortnightly | 6 weeks | 3/4 year |
| 80% | 1 day weekly | 8 weeks | 1 year |
| 75% | 2 1/2 days fortnightly | 10 weeks | 1 1/4 years |
| 70% | 1 1/2 days weekly | 12 weeks | 1 1/2 years |
| 65% | 3 1/2 days fortnightly | 14 weeks | 1 3/4 years |
| 60% | 2 days weekly | 16 weeks | 2 years |
| 55% | 4 1/2 days fortnightly | 18 weeks | 2 1/4 years |
| 50% | 2 1/2 days weekly | 20 weeks | 2 1/2 years |

Contact Details

It is important that school are able to contact you in case of an emergency. Please update us with any changes to your address or phone numbers. This also applies to the emergency contacts we have for your child.