



# STOWLAWN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Attendance Update : Spring 2020

Welcome back to our new Spring Term 2020!

We would like to say thank you for your efforts in making sure your children come to school every day and on time. However, last terms overall attendance rate for the school was **95%** and our target is **97%**, so there is still work to be done in ensuring all children attend school and make as much progress as they can!

It is worth a reminder of the table below, where you can see how a small amount of time off can have a negative impact on the learning your child does in school.

100%	0 days of missed learning	The best chance of helping your child succeed- Well done!
97%	1 week and 1 day of missed learning	
90%	3 weeks and 4 days of missed learning	Poor attendance – this is worrying.
85%	5 weeks and 3 days of missed learning	
80%	7 weeks and 3 days of missed learning	This causes concern and will have a severe impact on your children's learning.
75%	9 weeks and 1 day of missed learning	



**Being in school on time** is also very important!

Our school gates open at 8.30am – which is 15 minutes earlier than most other school so learning starts earlier too! Early learning might include small group work, correcting mistakes and ensuring understanding from the previous days lessons, or maths times tables and revision quizzes. If your child is in school after 8.45am then they will miss out on this vital area of their learning every day.

At **8.45am** you can hear the bell ring and the gates will close. The children will then need to enter school through the front office.

If you are consistently late bringing your child to school, then you may be contacted by Mrs Davis, our attendance officer. She can work with you to support any issues you may have in making sure your child is here and time and ready to learn!

### Persistence Absence

The government tells us that a child who is a “persistent absentee” misses at least 10% of their education over the term and/or the year. The table below shows how many days in total your child would miss over the 3 terms to be a persistent absentee.

If your child is a persistent absentee, then you will be contacted by, Ms Davis, who will ask to meet with you and see if there is any support you need to ensure that your child’s attendance improves.

School term	Persistent Absence 10%
Autumn term	7 days or more
Autumn and Spring terms	12 ½ days or more
Autumn, Spring and Summer terms	19 days or more

### Holidays in Term Time

All holidays taken in time will be unauthorised. If your child is taken out of school for a holiday, and their attendance in school is already low, then you may be referred to the local authority to issue a fine. Please to be mindful that booking holidays in term time may have an effect on your children’s progress in school.

### Attendance last term

Class Attendance Autumn Term									
<b>RJ</b>	<b>RD</b>	<b>1V</b>	<b>1S</b>	<b>2C</b>	<b>3B</b>	<b>4K</b>	<b>4M</b>	<b>5P</b>	<b>6B</b>
95%	94%	95%	94%	95%	95%	96%	95%	97%	94%

Congratulations to Class 5P who were the first winners of our termly attendance award. This is given to the class who has the highest % attendance for the whole term. Our target remains **97%**, and class 5P had achieved that for the whole term. Well done Class 5P – it would be great to see more classes achieving 97% or more this term!