

Powick CE Primary Newsletter

Friday 12th January 2024



Welcome Back to the Spring Term It has been lovely to see our children and families back in school again after the holidays and we have lots of exciting learning and events planned for the term ahead.

You may have seen in the news this week that there are national concerns over school attendance. Data from the DfE shows that one in every five children in England are persistently absent from school.

At Powick we recognise the importance of children being in school for every lesson, every day, to help them make the most of the opportunities which school has to offer and to support their mental health and wellbeing through consistent routines and building strong relationships with their peers.

Although we understand there may be times when your child is unwell and is not able to attend school we are also aware of the impact that low attendance has on your child. Research shows that attendance impacts significantly on attainment. Nationally just 40% of persistently absent children reached the expected standard in end of KS2 SATS compared to 84% of children who were regular attenders.

We will be supporting the DfE's campaign: **'Moments Matter, Attendance Counts'** to raise awareness of the importance of regular attendance and the impact missing school can have on your child's attainment and emotional wellbeing.



Our School Value this half term is:

Community

We will be looking out for children who are showing this value in action by:

- Looking after each other and listening to other's views
- Working together and being good members of a team
- Looking after our school environment
- Being polite and welcoming to visitors to our school.

Powick School's distinctive Christian vision:

Embracing Learning Together

Our school community cares for each other and loves to learn together.

Attendance Counts

Your child's attendance in school does matter.

100% = Perfect Attendance!

96% and above = up to 7 days learning missed

93-95% = 8-12 days learning missed

86-92% = 16-26 days learning missed

85% or lower = at least 27 days learning missed
(that's 5 ½ school weeks!)

This week's attendance:

Whole school – 94.9%

Reception – 98.8%

Year 1 – 100%

Year 2 – 99.4%

Year 3 – 100%

Year 4 – 100%

Year 5 – 95.7%

Year 6 – 94.7%

Well done to Year 1,3 & 4 who won the Attendance Cup this week!

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Powick School Uniform At Powick our school vision helps us remember the importance of community and we agree with the DfE's rationale for a consistent school uniform. A consistent school uniform benefits, the school by:

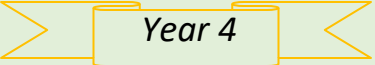
- promoting the ethos of a school
- providing a sense of belonging and identity
- setting an appropriate tone for education

Our Uniform Policy and uniform list can be found on our school website by following this link:

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/powick/UploadedDocument/d6e733aa-101a-479f-a174-71a41262caa4/uniform-policy-2022-2.pdf>

We have a large store of good quality second hand uniform in school which is available free of charge of you need to update or replace and items of your child's uniform. Please come in to the school office and ask to see our second hand uniform and take any items you need.

All of our children are amazing but this week we are especially proud of:

Class of the Week Awarded  **Year 4** *for: excellent attitude and understanding in their maths work in the first week of term.*

Star Certificates

Year 1 – Elsie
Year 2 – Rhys
Year 3 – Georgia
Year 4 – Jayda
Year 5 – Poppy
Year 6 – Sebastian



Well done!

Values Certificates

Year 1 – Freddie
Year 2 - Phoebe
Year 3 – Abraham
Year 4 – Papree
Year 5 - Emily
Year 6 – Alfie



Well done!

Upcoming dates for the diary:

15.01.24 Road Safety Talks all Years
16.01.24 Online Safety FLIP Workshop
23.01.24 Young Voices
26.01.24 Fun Festival Multisports Y3/5
29.01.24 Year 5 Greek Day
31.01.24 Year 4 Class Worship
06.02.24 Safer Internet Day
06.02.24 Parents Evening
07.02.24 Christingle Service
08.02.24 Parents Evening
08.02.24 Wear it Red for West Midlands Air Ambulance
08.02.24 END OF HALF TERM
09.02.24 INSET DAY
19.02.24 START OF HALF TERM
01.03.24 Year 6 Visit by Tom Wells
06.03.24 Year 3 Class Worship
07.03.24 World Book Day
18.03.24 Year 1 and 2 All Things Wild
20.3.24 Year R and 1 Easter Bonnet Workshop
21.03.24 Easter Bonnet Parade
22.03.24 Easter Service in Church
22.03.24 END OF TERM

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