

DRIFFIELD NORTHFIELD INFANT SCHOOL



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30th April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here are some items of news and information for this half term.

Thank you



We would like to say thank you to the Friends of Northfield for our ice creams which was a lovely way to end last term.

We would also like to a big thank you for all your generous donations for Red Nose Day. We managed to raise a fantastic £191.00 to support this good cause, so thanks again.



Reminders

All the children have settled back into school and we are looking forward to the possibility of restrictions easing a little after 17th May so we can hopefully enjoy some of our summer activities. In the meantime can we please remind you that our school safety measures should be followed at all times. This includes face coverings to be worn whilst on the school grounds, by everyone over the age of 11, unless exempt and that children are arriving and being collected at their allocated gates and times to keep everyone in our community safe. Thank you for your support.

Please can you ensure that all your child's belongings are named, thank you.

For Health and Safety reasons please do not allow children to ride scooters/bikes on the school grounds. It is lovely to see so many using our Breakfast Club, but we would appreciate prompt payment for sessions taken. It would be most helpful if payment is made weekly in a named envelope. This would save handling money and having to issue receipts every day. Thank you.



Stamp Design Competition



We have been invited to take part in a national art competition by Royal Mail to honour the heroes of the Coronavirus pandemic.

The children have been asked to design a new stamp. The designs could be of NHS staff, school staff, supermarket workers or delivery drivers. Perhaps you might like to include scientists, emergency services or even Captain Sir Tom Moore.

A panel of judges will pick the winners from two categories; we will be in the 4-11 year olds. The final eight stamps will be sent to Her Majesty the Queen before being printed and issued. Prizes will be given to the eight winners which include up to £1,000 in high street vouchers and the schools of winning entries will also receive up to £1,000. There are also additional prizes for regional winners and runner ups. We have sent a link for a Google form to request a paper entry form to be sent home by the end of next week. If you are unable to open the link please let us know you would like a form and we will send one home.

Entries must be in school by **Wednesday 19th May**.

Get creative and good luck!

Miss. Tate

Absence from School in Exceptional Circumstances

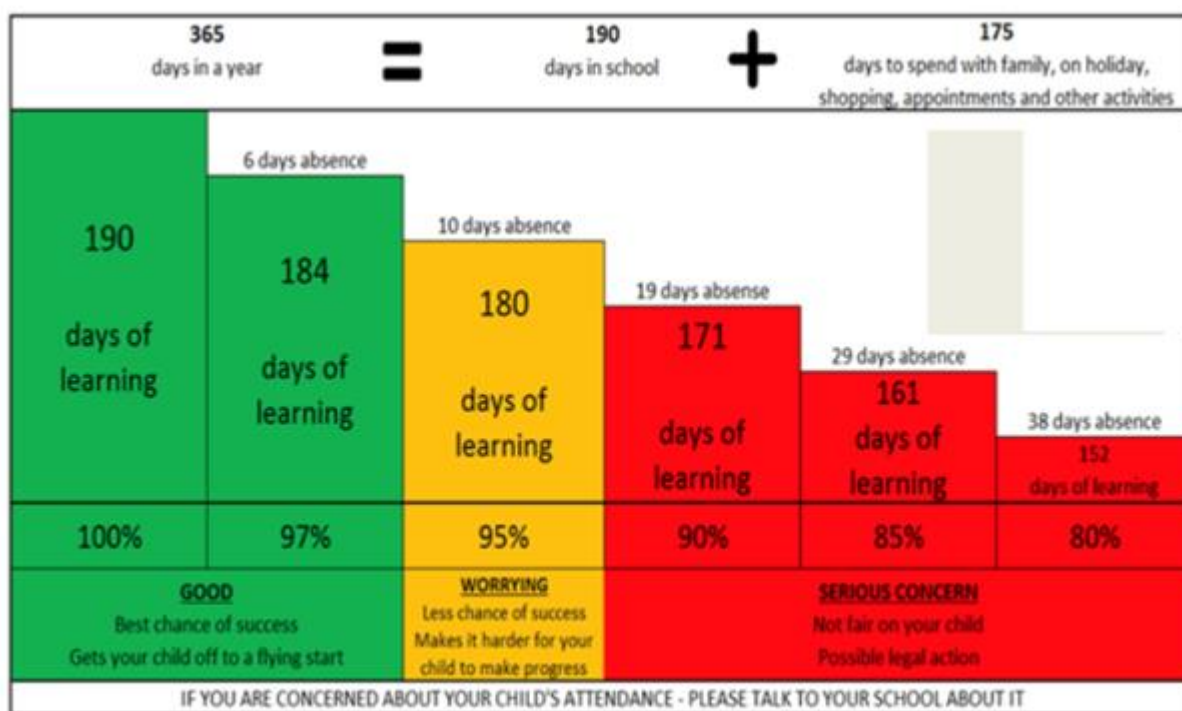
You are required under the Education Act (1996) to ensure your child attends school regularly (95% is considered to be good attendance). If your child accrues 10 consecutive sessions of unauthorised absence you may be liable for a penalty notice (one days absence equals two sessions, a five day absence is equal to 10 sessions).

An unauthorised absence is any absence that the Head teacher has not given permission for or where an explanation has not been provided by the parents.

Parents must complete a request for Absence from School in Exceptional Circumstances form and submit this to the school, allowing for sufficient time to enable the school to consider the request and inform the parents of the decision.

Where parents do not follow the school's procedures of submitting a request and simply remove their child without seeking prior approval, a warning may not be given and you may be liable for a penalty notice.

If your request is declined or you do not follow the correct procedure and you still take your child out of school each parent within your household may be issued with a £60 penalty notice for each child you have taken out of school. If a penalty notice remains unpaid after 21 days it will increase to £120. If after 28 days it remains unpaid you may be summonsed to appear before Magistrates to explain why your child has unauthorised school absences and you may be liable for a fine up to £100.



Diary Dates

Monday 3rd May – Closed for May Bank holiday

Monday 10th May – Class photographs am

Monday 24th May – National Child Measurement Programme for Foundation am

Tuesday 25th May - National Child Measurement Programme for Foundation am

Thursday 27th May – Break up for Half Term

Monday 7th June – Return to school



Thank you for your continuing support
Drifffield Northfield Infant School