



# Beeston Primary School

Town Street, Leeds, LS11 8PN

"Engage, Enjoy, Enrich, Excel"



September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

In School, good attendance, and being on time every morning, is very important. When a child is in school, he or she has the best possible chance of learning and making progress. Absence or lateness can cause gaps in learning and may mean that a child fails to get the best out of their precious time in school.

Good attendance means that children gain maximum benefit from school. This not only results in strong learning and progress, it also boosts confidence and social skills too!

We know that sometimes absence is unavoidable; however, we are committed to working hard with parents and children to ensure that school attendance is a priority. **If your child is unable to attend school due to illness, please contact the school before 8.50am and speak to Mrs Gahan or Mrs Singleton in our attendance team. A decision will be made if your child's attendance will be authorised or unauthorised.**

From **25<sup>th</sup> September**, we will be running a weekly 100% attendance competition in Reception.

Every week, we will be monitoring every child's attendance. All the children who have 100% attendance will be entered into our prize draw. The lucky winner will be presented with a family breakfast hamper and a special 'SAM' certificate. All other children with 100% that week will get a SAM sticker

This draw will take place in school on a Friday and the lucky winner will be displayed on our Facebook page. For the class with the highest weekly attendance will be awarded with looking after 'Sam' our attendance mascot and special chocolate treats.

## What you can do to help your child make good progress in school:



- Make sure your child is always on time for school
- Medical appointments where possible, should be made out of school hours.
- Please do not allow your child odd days off for birthdays, shopping, and visiting relatives - this may sound unheard of to some parents, but the evidence shows that it happens in some schools!
- Please do not take holidays in term-time. Children get 13 weeks official holiday.
- If absence is unavoidable - for example if your child is ill - please inform the school office promptly, on the morning of the first day of absence.

Once again, may I congratulate the parents of the children who are awarded certificates. We value your support in helping us to maintain high standards.

***"Every day counts..."***

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