

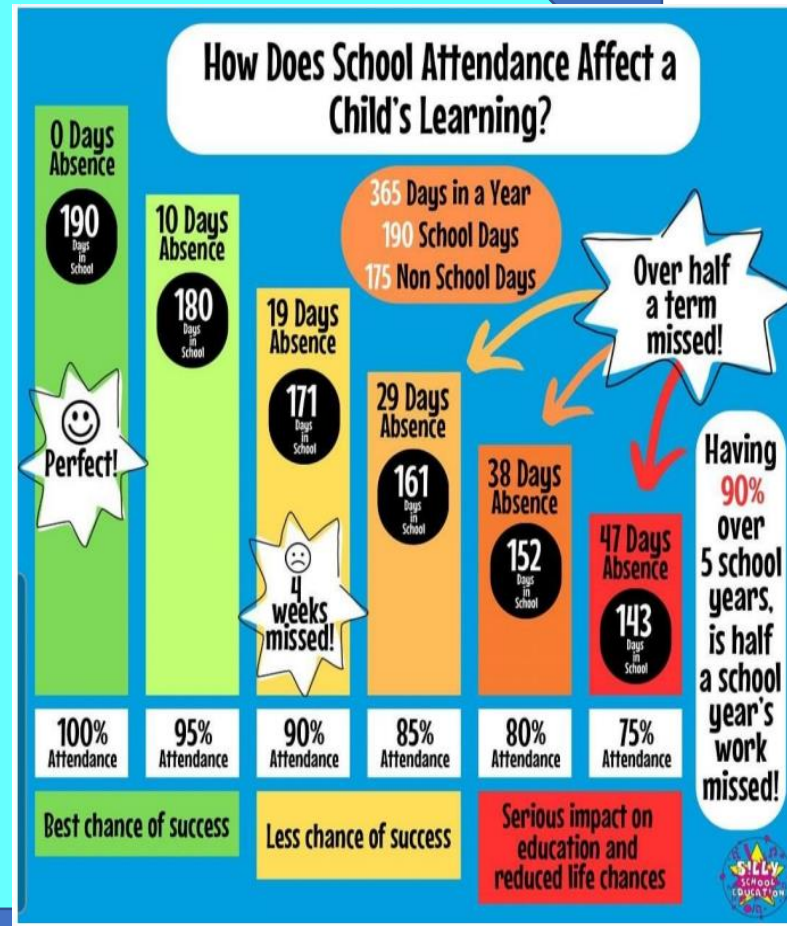


## It's Christmas at Kingfisher!

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December we will be having Kingfisher Christmas Day.

Children can come dressed as Christmassy as they like -from having tinsel in their hair to wearing Christmas Jumpers. We know that Christmas Jumpers are expensive so please do not feel this is a must anything which has a hint of Christmas will add to the festive spirit.

We hope that you will enjoy taking part in this festive event!



## Attendance Matters

Here are our attendance figures for last week. Our whole school attendance target this year is 96% our whole school attendance currently stands a 93.9%. Thank you for helping us to reach our target by ensuring that you are in school everyday

Class	Current Attendance
1	94%
2	89.0%
3	95.0%
4	92.0%
5	93.0%
6	95.0%
7	94.0%
8	95.0%
9	92.0%
10	94.0%
11	95.0%
12	96.0%
13	96.0%
14	94.0%

## School Matters!



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## Medicine in school

It has been brought to my attention that some GP Practices are no longer prescribing 'over the counter' painkillers such as 'Calpol' or 'Ibuprofen' for children.

Whilst I understand that the NHS are streamlining their services and trying to make savings, as a school we are still unable to administer these medicines. If your child has a prescribed medicine, for example an antibiotic or penicillin type medicine which needs to be administered four times a day, then we can administer this as we understand that the doses need to be evenly spaced; a form will need to be completed for our staff to administer these medicines.

Please note that some schools in the Doncaster area do not allow any medicines to be administered in the school day. We cannot take on the responsibility of administering general painkillers as our staff do not have the capacity to provide this to all the children that may require this type of medicine.

We do have children in school who have very specific and critical illnesses and we have to allocate staff to take on their medical care. I appreciate your understanding with this matter.



## Parental Controls

Christmas often means our children receive new technology so when setting up any item, make sure you set up parental controls to help keep your child safe.

Parental Controls help you control what your child is able to access on line so by setting up these controls, children are less likely to see things they shouldn't.

Internet Matters have created over 70 parental control 'how-to guides' for major networks (e.g EE), devices (e.g Xbox, iPad) and entertainment providers (e.g. Netflix). These guides provide you with simple step by step instructions and are available here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

Parental Controls are important in order to minimise risks online, but no system is completely effective so ensure your child knows that they can talk to you about anything they see online.



## BE BRIGHT. BE SEEN.

We have reached that time of year again when daylight hours have shortened. This may mean that some children are travelling to and from school at twilight, or in the dark. Please remind children that wearing something reflective at night or fluorescent in daylight will help them to be seen by drivers.

Although children may be able to see vehicles in the dark, drivers may not see them and it is important that they are visible when crossing roads or walking along unlit roads. If they are riding bicycles in the dark they must, by law, have a white front light and red rear light. The rear reflector must also be kept clean. It is especially important to wear reflective clothing when cycling in the dark.

## Contact Details

Can we please ask if you have changed any of your contact details, including telephone numbers and change of address to please kindly inform the office.

You can email [office@astrea-kingfisher.org](mailto:office@astrea-kingfisher.org)

Moving forward it is crucial that you have the Astrea App as we are no longer sending letters out, unless they require a reply back to school, such as the Parent Discussion Day letters.

By downloading the App you will ensure that you keep up to date with all the current information and communications from school.



## Term Dates:

The last day of Term is **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023** and we return on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**The next INSET Day is :**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024**