



# Jordans School

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## Newsletter 18

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Dear Parents,

Our newsletter this week focuses on the importance of school attendance. We have a rising number of holiday notifications coming in to school for prolonged absences. We are concerned due to the impact this has on learning in school. Holidays during term time are unauthorised. The advice below follows directives from the Department for Education and is in line with Section 444 of the Education Act, Local Authority Guidelines and agreed School Policy with the Governors.

### Every child has the right to receive full time education

Children can only make the most of educational opportunities if they attend regularly and on time.

Lessons lost will never be found.

95% attendance or below is a cause for concern.

#### What does the school do?

Provides 190 days of planned curriculum delivery  
- not a day should be missed.

Listens and supports

Reports levels of school attendance to:  
The Local Authority, The Department of  
Education and Ofsted

Monitors attendance

Reports a child's attendance, at least annually, to  
parents

Informs parents of their child's unacceptable  
absence and liaises with parents to discuss the  
issue

#### The following reasons for absence will not be authorised

- Illness of another family member, i.e. pupil kept off school when sibling unwell
- Shopping during school hours
- Birthdays
- Day trips
- Holidays

#### Most common acceptable reasons for absence

- ✓ Illness of child (not the parent)
- ✓ An emergency medical or dental appointment that has not been possible in out of school hours
- ✓ A religious event

Anyone wishing to take their child out of school on compassionate grounds should write to the school, requesting permission and explaining the situation.

## What if???

Your child misses 10 days of school (20 sessions)

**They already have a 95% attendance**

Your child misses 20 days of school (40 sessions)

**That's only 89% attendance - the equivalent of half a day off per week for a whole year.**

Your child misses 38 days of school (76 sessions)

**That's 80% attendance - the equivalent of a day off a week for the whole year**

## The impact...

We observe that as well as missing learning time which ultimately reflects in a child's progress, children themselves can find it difficult to settle back in and catch up with the learning. It can be daunting walking into a room where their peers are all learning something that they know nothing about.

If a child is late:

- They might feel self-conscious.
- They miss the beginning of the lesson which contains the introduction to the work from the teacher.
- They will be 'catching up' for the rest of the lesson.
- They miss the social part of the beginning of the day.
- They may be reluctant or refuse to enter the classroom.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Bancroft

**This Week's Well Done  
Certificates**

**We say Well Done for our learning and for being a great citizen!**

Owl class and Deer Class had a wonderful time at the Chalfont Community College dance festival this week. They performed their dance to Moana's 'You're Welcome'.

**This week we said Well Done to:**

**Annie, Elvie and Farris in Fox Class, Reece and Florence H in Owl Class, Lewis and Ewan in Deer Class**

**Next Week's Learning**

**Fox Class**  
**English** – Starting Space stories.  
**Maths** – Weighing space rocks.  
**News/Requests** – Silver foil please.

**Owl Class**  
**English** – Next week we will be continuing to follow, give and write instructions. In phonics, we will be looking at alternative pronunciations of the graphemes 'c' (s) and 'g' (j). Our words for the week will be 'any', 'many' and 'because'.  
**Maths** – We will be continuing to use tens frames to add within 20.  
**News/Requests** – The children came home earlier this week with a copy of the number bond rhyme we have been learning in class. Please can you practise this at home as instant recall of number bonds is really important. Thanks!

**Deer Class**  
**English** –  
**Maths** –  
**News/Requests** –

**Upcoming Dates**

Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	1 – 3 pm Owl Class – Sports Partnership Multisports @ Chalfonts Community College (CCC)
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School closes at 3pm for half term