



Leighton Academy Weekly Update

Friday 6th September 2019

Head of School's message:

What a fantastic start to the year we have had! All the children have come back to school excited and eager to start their learning with their new teachers and there is a lovely atmosphere around school. Some of our year 6 children have been out at Robinwood at their outdoor adventure residential. We are looking forward to hearing all about the fun they had and the memories they have made upon their return.

CONGRATULATIONS to our teacher Miss Sharp and her partner on the safe arrival of their son, Joshua who was born on Wednesday. We will look forward to meeting him!

Please could parents ensure that children bring a refillable water bottle and full PE kit to school every day.

Mrs Thompson

Events this week:

Monday 9th September	6E Swimming Internet Safety assembly for KS2 delivered by Parent Zone
Tuesday 10th September	Clubs can be booked on Arbor from 3.15pm
Wednesday 11th September	6J Swimming
Thursday 12th September	
Friday 13th September	

Advanced Notice:

Monday 16th September—Clubs start

Parking Request

In light of recent events at Beechmere, it has been highlighted to us all the importance of ensuring that emergency vehicles can make their way safely and quickly to their destination. This week we have been sent this image from a local resident of a fire engine trying to access an emergency on James Atkinson Way. They were unfortunately blocked due to the number of cars parked in this area at school pick up time. Please be mindful of where you are parking and leave extra time to find a safe space or walk to school to collect your children from school where possible. Let's work together as a community to ensure that emergency services can do their jobs.

Thanks for your continued support.

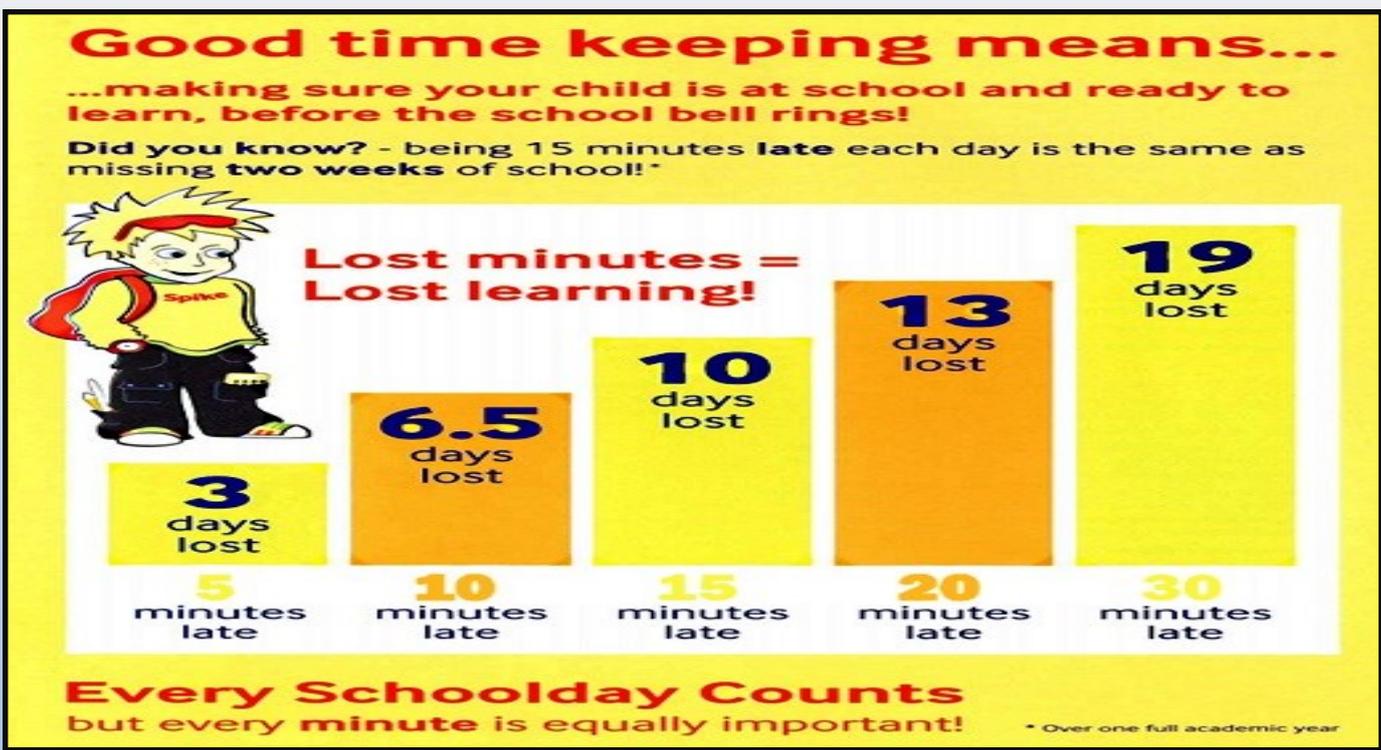
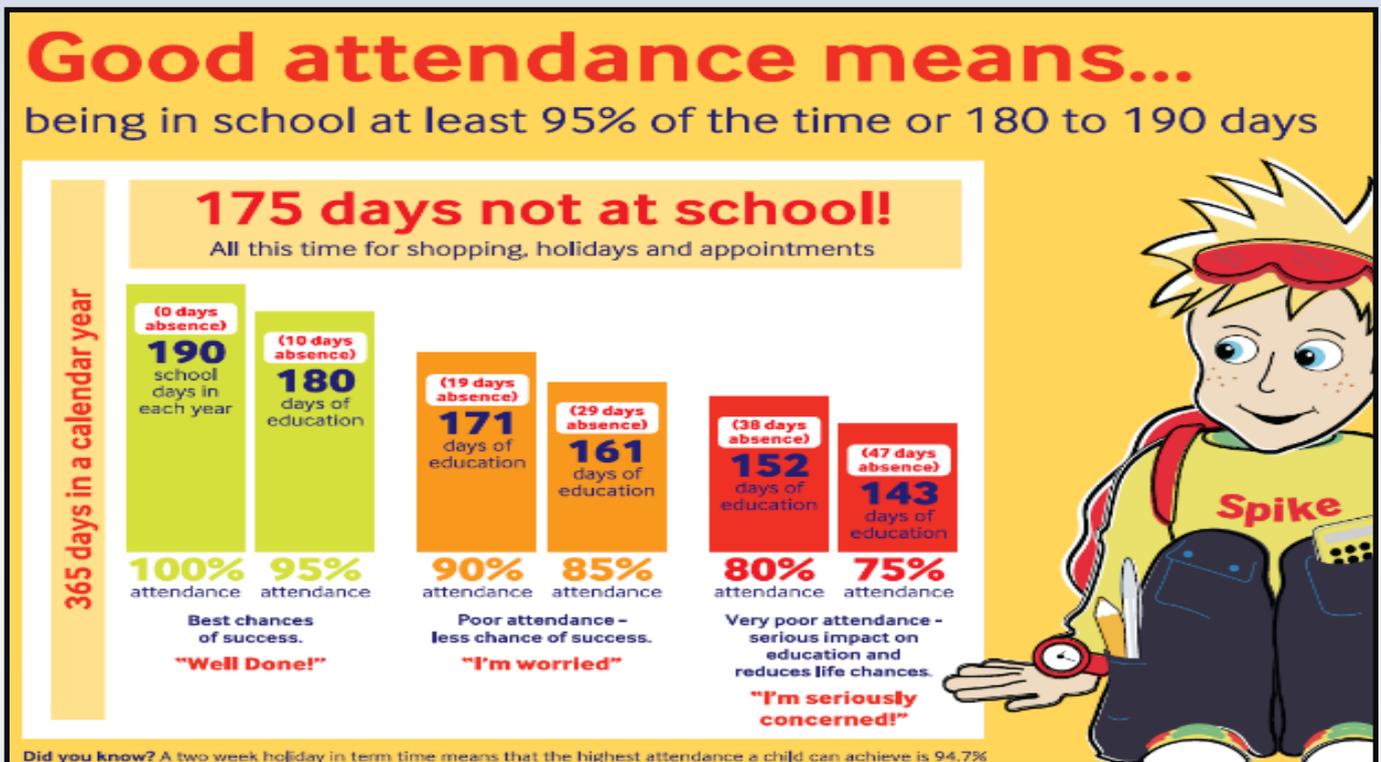


Attendance Matters

Any medical absences in excess of 5 days (10 sessions) per academic year will need to be supported by medical evidence. This does not have to be a doctor's note but can be prescriptions, medication, or appointment cards. If no medical evidence is received then the absence will be coded as unauthorised.

All our policies are available for you to read on our academy website. If you have any concerns or need any support with any matters relating to your child's attendance, please don't hesitate to contact us to discuss this.

We thank you for supporting the academy in this drive to improve attendance.



Attendance Matters

Please can we remind parents that we are unable to authorise family holidays and that fixed penalty notices will be issued for unauthorised holidays (please see the attendance and punctuality policy on our website and the chart below).

Every minute your child misses matters and we appreciate your support in this.

Penalties for unauthorised absence		
Timeline	One child	Two children
Paid within 21 days	£60 per parent – initially	£60 per child - £120 per parent
After 21 days and before 28 days	£120 per parent	£120 per child - £240 per parent
After 28 days	A summons to appear before the Magistrates' Court on the grounds you have failed to secure your child's regular attendance	A summons to appear before the Magistrates' Court on the grounds you have failed to secure your child's regular attendance

In line with our Attendance Policy, every month academy attendance is monitored very closely, and as a school we are required to record all authorised and unauthorised absences and monitor accordingly.

Section 7 of the Education Act 1996 states that: "The parent of every child of compulsory school age shall cause him/her to receive efficient full time education either by regular attendance at school or otherwise".

As stated in our Attendance Management policy:

'Children are expected to attend school for the full 190 days of the academic year, unless there is good reason for absence.

There are two types of absence:

- Authorised (where the school approves a learner's absence)
- Unauthorised (where school will not approve the absence)

Parents will be asked to telephone or notify the school, every day that their child is absent or ill as part of fulfilling the schools safeguarding requirements. The school office will make telephone contact with home when a child is absent and the parent has not notified the school of the absence. If no contact can be achieved or the reason for absence is not accepted the absence will be unauthorised.'

Attendance Matters	
Overall school target attendance	97%
Overall school attendance to date	93.4%
Reception	95.1%
Year 1	96.5%
Year 2	89.7%
Year 3	92.7%
Year 4	96.9%
Year 5	93.1%
Year 6	93.9%

Attendance

Don't forget that the doors open each morning at 8.35am. Please make sure that your child is on time every day so that they do not miss valuable lesson time. This week, 3 pupils have been late to school on 3 occasions losing a total of nearly 1 hour of learning. It is extremely important to be on time for school. Lateness gets the day off to a bad start and it can be embarrassing for your child to walk into their class late. It may also damage your child's confidence and disrupt lessons for the rest of the class.

We would also like you to be aware that our whole school attendance has been extremely low for the first week back. We would like to stress the importance of your child's attendance, and the huge positive impact this has on their learning. We look forward to you supporting us in this drive with improving school attendance.

BEING ON TIME IS THE MOST IMPORTANT LESSON TO LEARN. If you are experiencing any difficulties in getting your child to school on a daily basis it is important that you tell us - we will always try to help. Please contact the school office.

Well Done!

Principal's Awards

Cheyenne in 1R and Harrison in 3S for going over and above.

Next Week's lunch menu is week 2

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Jacket Wedges	Pork Sausages with Cheesy Mash	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Beef and Potato Hash with Garlic Herb Jacket Wedges	Crispy Battered Pollock with Chips
Vegetable Chick-pea Wrap	Quorn Balls in Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Cheese and Potato Bake	Vegetarian Stew with Rice	Baked Bean Omelette with Chips
Jacket Potato with filling	Jacket Potato with filling	Jacket Potato with filling	Jacket Potato with filling	Jacket Potato with filling
	Filled Baguette		Filled Baguette	
Crunchy Coleslaw Peas	Baked Beans Roasted Peppers & Sweetcorn	Cabbage Carrots	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Peas Tomato & Cucumber
Banana and Apricot Flapjack	Orange Shortbread	Crunchy Chocolate Biscuit with Fruit Slices	Melon and Orange Wedges	Strawberry Frozen Yoghurt