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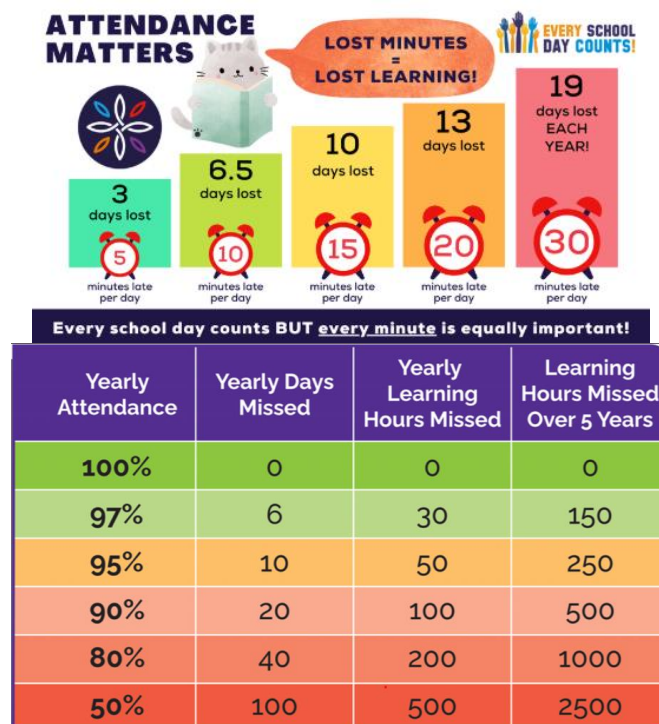
Wow it's February (part of me wants to say already, but another part of me wants to say that January went on forever!) Thank you to Year 3 who had their Ocean Math's sessions this week, we seem to be racing through those sessions now.

It was lovely to see so many Nursery / Reception children and parents leaving with big smiles today after they had shared their amazing progress at our Book Look today, you have all been working so hard well done.

This week we have been marking Child Mental Health week by investigating mindful ways of being creative, the concentration levels from the children when they have been completing these projects has been amazing! If you want to see the art work that we have created as part of this project every child will have their work displayed during our Annual Art Gallery on Tuesday after school.

Last Saturday many of you joined me at the FOCS Bingo evening, it was one of the most relaxed and enjoyable sessions that we have ever had, thank you to everyone who made it such a success. I think the children really enjoyed the tension of the whole experience.

Recently our Educational Welfare Officer has been focusing on supporting families to improve their children's punctuality and attendance, we are now introducing a more robust system in line with new Government expectations. Some of the new features will include, the EWO meeting parents more regularly, more structured guidance for parent communication as children's attendances hits set milestones and children's absences only being authorised (if their attendance falls below 90 %) if medical proof can be provided, (which can be from a pharmacist, if you cannot speak to a GP).



We are having a big push with reading on the lead up to World Book Week and World Book Day (Thursday March 6th) when we will all be dressing up as book character. Some children have been bringing in books from home which have then gone missing, if they do bring them from home (which we don't recommend as we do have hundreds of books) please make sure their names are in them. **Please can you make sure that your child has their reading book and planner with them every day.**

Countless reading research reports have shown that parents reading to, with or listening to their children read has so many positive benefits.

If you read just **one** book a day to your child, they will have been read **1825** books by their 5th birthday.

Every Day Counts.

Every Book Counts.

Children learn **4,000 to 12,000 words** per year through reading.

READING FOR
6 MINUTES A DAY
REDUCES STRESS
BY 68%.

Read **20 minutes** a day and you'll read **1,800,000 words** per year.

Apart from World Book Week we have other important dates coming up:

- The children finish for half term on Thursday 13th February at the normal time.
- The children will return from half term on Monday 24th February.
- Year 4 have their Class assembly on Friday 28th February.
- Year 3 have their Sleep over from Friday 28th February until Saturday 1st March.

Enjoy the weekend!

Stronger Together,



Melanie Scull