

# Attendance Matters!

- Do not let your child stay away from school for minor reasons.
- Book dental appointments during the school holidays or after school. Otherwise bring them in before and after the appointment.
- Where possible, book medical appointments outside of school hours.
- Book family holidays in the 13 weeks when we do not have school, as we are no longer able to authorise holidays in term time.
- Make a phone call to explain any absences.
- Ensure your child goes to bed on time.
- If you get up late, send them in - better late than never!

## **Lateness is a problem because it:**

- Makes your child stand out
- Disrupts his/her lessons
- We have reading or maths sessions at 8.40am every morning
- Sets a poor example in later life
- Soon adds up - just 10 minutes late each week adds up to 6 hours of missed school every year; only 5 minutes late every day adds up to nearly 4 days of missed school each year.
- May lead to prosecution if it persists

## ***Useful tips to help your child***

- *Get to know the names of your child's teacher and friends*
- *Take an interest in what your child has done in school each day*
- *Check back on the website for the latest news about the school*
- *Download our attendance star charts*