

**MR SINGH'S WEEKLY MESSAGE**

Dear parents and guardians,

It has been another fantastic week here at Heckmondwike Academy. Our children have been doing some brilliant work and over the past 2 weeks we have had lots of exciting things taking place and we can't wait to share these with you in the end of half term newsletter.

I want to take this opportunity to speak to you about attendance.

Heckmondwike Academy has a statutory duty to keep your child safe which includes knowing where they are if they are not in school.

We appreciate that children are sometimes genuinely ill. If your child is going to be absent due to illness, parents/carers are requested to telephone on the first day of absence before 08.30. If you leave a message on the answerphone service before 08:00 please give your child's name, class and reason for absence and then each morning, for the duration of the absence.

If you do not contact the office, school will ring you followed by every contact number we hold for your child until we speak to somebody – we may also conduct a visit to the family home. If your child is absent for two consecutive days and we are unable to contact anybody, we will visit the family home to ensure that your child/ children are safe and well.

If we are still unable to speak to a named contact, then we may call 101 to seek police assistance in locating the family.

Please see below our key messages for this week:

**HECKMONDWIKE ACADEMY ATTENDANCE PROTOCOLS**

If there is no improvement in your child's attendance, then the following actions may be taken:

- Home visit from a member of the safeguarding team or Head of Academy
- Education Penalty Notice warning letter
- Invite to Attendance Support Plan meeting
- Voice of the Child
- Education Penalty Notice
- Court proceedings

**KS2 SATS**

Firstly, a massive well done to all the staff, parents and guardians who have supported our amazing Y6 pupils this year. I could not be any prouder of the children's attitude to learning, their resilience and commitment. Next week they will be sitting their KS2 SATs – I know they will be amazing!

Please note that we will be offering a free breakfast and booster club next week (Mon-Thu) for all Year 6 pupils. The club will be open from 08:00 and run by Y6 teachers, Senior Leaders and school staff. Children should use the Y6 entrance when arriving. Please do send your child to ensure that they have the best start to the day.

Parents – please ensure that you do the following to support your child with their KS2 SATs:

- An early bed time
- Get them to our Y6 Breakfast club
- Allow them to rest and have some fun
- Praise them – remember that they have done exceptionally well already!

Have a great weekend.

Mr J Singh

**PUPIL OF THE WEEK**

1B: Hammad Vakar	4LB: Hassan Ali Aziz
1Q: Iqra Hussain	4W: Azhaan Hussain
2H: Inayah Abid	5G: Hawa Hussain
2R: Ubaid Taiyab	5S: Aahil Majeed
3A: Umamah Sumbul	6F: Areeshka Jeyathanan
3D: Zeeshan Ahmed	6L: Arfeen Sarwar

**ATTENDANCE**

RI: 95.43%	RN: 93.40%
1B: 93.33%	4LB: 95.24%
1Q: 93.99%	4W: 91.04%
2H: 99.49%	5G: 89.62%
2R: 85.86%	5S: 93.84%
3A: 93.88%	6F: 97.17%
3D: 90.36%	6L: 91.51%

