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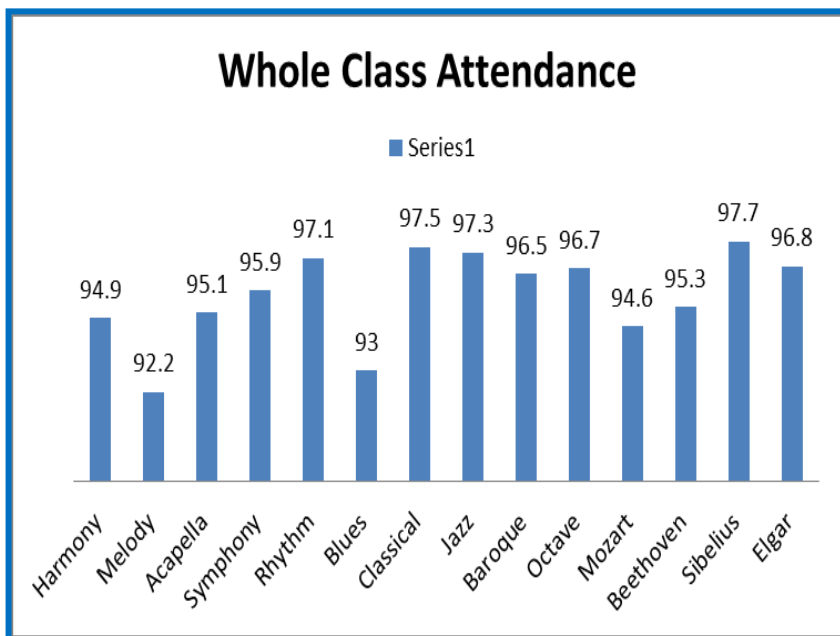
WELL DONE EVERYONE!

Our whole school attendance at the end of the Autumn Term was **96.1%** and in line with what the Government expect (this is a 2.3% increase on the same time last year).

At Bayards Hill we believe that good attendance is central to a pupil attaining well and making the best possible progress. For our children to gain the greatest benefit from their education, it is vital that they attend regularly and are in school, on time every day the school is open. It is proven that any pupil's absence or regular lateness impacts negatively on their learning and progress.

Tea and Cakes with Mrs Medley

Every half term the class with the best overall weekly attendance is invited to tea and cakes with Mrs Medley. This terms winners were Sibelius – but only just! Well done!



At the end of each term the children with 100% attendance will win a 100% badge and certificate.

If they have 100% all year then they can win all three!

At our attendance assembly before the holidays we gave out 98 badges. Their names are displayed on the roll of honour boards in school

This is a fantastic achievement, keep it up!

EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE

In Nursery and Reception we encourage the children to have good attendance because this establishes routines at a young age which will set them up for their future. There is crucial learning taking place in Early Years and having time off can mean that children will have gaps in their knowledge and understanding, as well as making friendships.

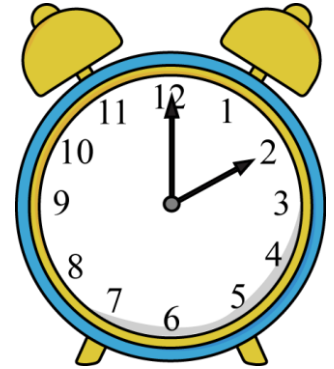
**MISSING
(SCHOOL) =
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OUT**

Lateness: Being on time matters too!

Arriving on time for registration is important as late arrivals can be disruptive to the class and embarrassing for the child who is late.

Children can miss important information during registration.

Doors open at 8.45am
SCHOOL STARTS AT 8.50am
Gates close at 9.00am



If your child arrives after this time they must go to the school office to register. The office will mark them as present and find out what they are having for lunch. We will be recording late arrivals and parents will be asked to come in and discuss this if their child is persistently late for school.

10 minutes late every day = 33 missed hours of learning

Request for Leave

REMINDER: Our school **does not authorise any holiday during term time.** Any requests for leave should be written and addressed to the Head Teacher. A meeting may be organised to discuss the reasons for leave. Leave will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.

PARENTS WHO REMOVE THEIR CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL FOR EXTENDED PERIODS DURING TERM TIME WITHOUT NOTICE OR AUTHORISATION MAY FACE A PENALTY NOTICE OR RISK THE LOSS OF THEIR SCHOOL PLACE.

We are here to help...



If you have any questions or concerns please contact a member of our team:

Mrs S Reading Deputy Head Teacher

Mrs P Coppen Learning Mentor

Mrs T Whittle Learning Mentor

Mrs J Germain Attendance Administrator

