

Issue 8. January (1) 2023-2024

Happy New Year 2024! Happy Lohri and Happy Thai Pongal to all LFPA staff, pupils and their families! It is a festival for farmers as it is related to harvesting of food grains and they come together to celebrate it. The entire nation of India welcomes the new season of harvest in different styles, according to their region, culture and tradition.

At the end of last term, all pupils in years reception to year 6 were assessed and those who have not made enough progress in their learning, have been allocated boosters for before and after school. Can parents/carers please ensure their children attend the boosters weekly and punctually, otherwise the space could have been allocated to other pupils. This would also ensure that your child develops the drive and ambition to achieve their targets and goals which are important life skills. My heartfelt gratitude to those parents who are aspirational for their child/ren and work together with the staff to support their child/ren's learning.

Finally can I please request parents/carers help with the Book Amnesty—please see the attached poster. A book amnesty period is a goodwill gesture to welcome back materials that have been missing or overdue. During this time, pupils can return overdue books without facing the usual penalties as per the academy's charging and remissions policy. As a school we have to ensure that reading books are available to all pupils so they can make progress in their learning. If we have to replace missing books and school resources every year, this would impact on the staffing & curriculum expenditure. So can I please urge all parents/carers for your assistance during the Book Amnesty month. Thanking you in advance for your support.

Best wishes—Ms. H. Buttar



Truth

Aiming high

Respect

Events—Curriculum and Special Days

17th January 2024—Federation Year 3 & Year 4 Dodgeball Competition

18th January 2024—Special lunch Menu

18th January 2024—Non-Uniform day

22nd January 2024—Reception/Year 1 & SRP Space Dome workshop

26th January 2024—Year 5 Hampton Court Palace Trip

2nd February 2024—Year 1 Natural History Museum Trip

Coffee Morning with the Principal

Tea/ Coffee and Pastries will be served!

19th January 2023—Food evaluations & tasting/Spelling in Year 2 to Year 6

9th February 2024 – Awards!

17th March 2024—Habits of Discussion



Class Assembly :

17th January 2024—Norman Foster Class

19th January 2024—Katherine Johnson Class

25th January 2024—Archimedes Class

2nd February 2024—Maryam Mirzakhani Class

Award



BRONZE: RIGHTS COMMITTED



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Book Amnesty 2024

What can you do help?

With our focus on improving reading experiences and outcomes across our school, we are calling upon all families to return any books that you may have at home that belong to Lake Farm Park Academy. Our library books should have a plastic cover, a sticker on the spine, a stamp and a barcode inside.

Please return the books to the class teacher who will ensure they are returned to the library.

Thank you!



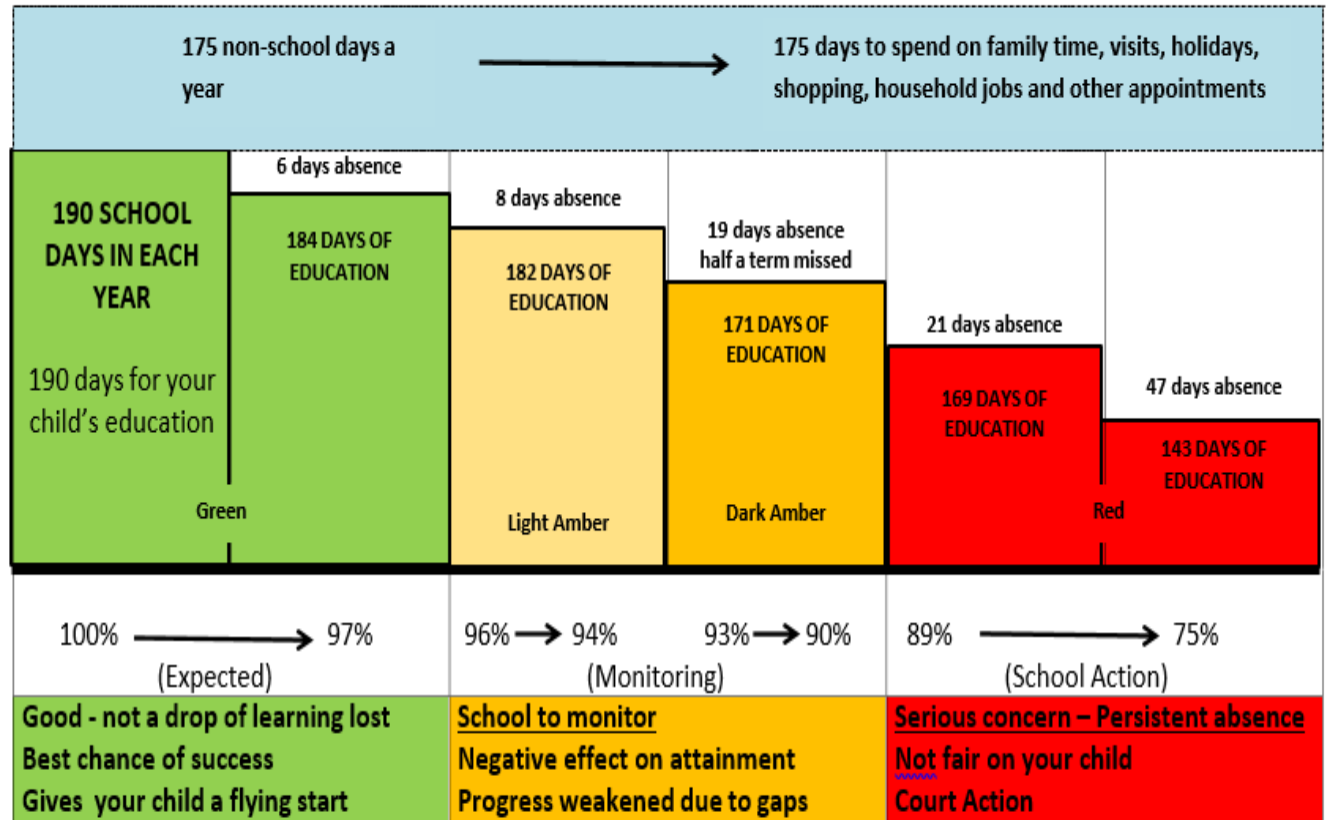
WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



Top Attendance for the Week commencing 08/01/2024

	Week Commencing 8th January	
1	Year 5: Katherine Johnson	99.3%
2	Year 6: Norman Foster	98.5%
3	Year 3: Maya Angelou	97.4%
4	Year 1: Mole Class	97.0%
5	Year 4: Nikola Telsa	96.9%
6	Year 4: Charles Darwin	96.7%
7	Year 2: Fox	96.3%
8	Year 3: Charles Dickens	96.2%
9	Reception: Ladybird Class	95.9%
10	Year 6: Renzo Piano	95.6%
11	Year 4: Marie Curie	95.2%
12	Year 5: Maryam Mirzakhani	95.1%
13	Year 3: Cressida Cowell	94.3%
14	Year 2: Badger	93.3%
15	Reception: Butterfly Class	93.0%
16	Reception: Grasshopper Class	91.1%
16	Year 6: Zaha Hadid	91.1%
17	Year 1: Squirrel Class	89.8%
18	Year 5: Archimedes	88.9%
19	Year 1: Rabbit Class	85.8%
19	Year 2: Otter	85.8%

What percentage attendance means to your child in terms of lost learning



80% attendance over 5 years = 1 whole year of education lost.

Research suggests that pupils who have an average of 20 days absent per school year see negative effects throughout their educational journey – resulting in a whole GCSE grade deficit by the time they leave secondary education.

Article 28 of United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child : The right to learn and go to school

Attendance Reminders

Lake Farm Park Academy has high expectations for every student from the moment they join our school. Children have the right to a high quality education and we provide this at Lake Farm Park Academy. High attendance is necessary to ensure that your child benefits fully from the learning opportunities on offer and to ensure they leave school having developed positive lifelong habits and as well rounded individuals.

Medical Appointments

Appointments, where possible, should be made outside of school hours or in the holiday period. This includes routine dental appointments. If this is unavoidable, your child should still attend school before or after the appointment where possible. Any session missed that was deemed reasonable to attend will be marked as unauthorised leave.

Absence Requests

Absence requests will only be considered for exceptional circumstances and these are dealt with on an individual basis.

What to do if your child cannot attend school:

Absence must be reported on a daily basis. You must contact the school (**before 9.00am**) on the first day of absence. This can be done by emailing

lfpaoffice@theparkfederation.org or by calling the school number 02085732622 option 1. Please leave the Child's name, class and the reason why they cannot attend school. If they are ill, please give a clear explanation of their condition. **For a prolonged absence due to illness, medical evidence will be requested.** This can be in the form of a prescription, medical paperwork or an appointment card/letter.



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PUNCTUALITY

How does this affect children?

If your child arrives late in school, he / she misses the teacher's instructions and the introduction to the lesson. They also disturb the learning of other students as the teacher has to acknowledge the lateness and go through the lesson with the child. Did you know how much learning children might miss out due to lateness?

Minutes late per day during school year	Equal days of teaching lost in a year
5 minutes	3.4 days
10 minutes	6.9 days
15 minutes	10.3 days
20 minutes	13.8 days
30 minutes	20.7 days

What can we do to help?

Ensure your child arrives on time. Children are able to come onto the school grounds at 8:30am or book them in the breakfast club through Get Active

Prepare for school the night before, including your book bag, lunch and uniform etc.

Punctuality is important for children to start the day well but also a good habit for life. If you need support or advice about punctuality please contact Miss. Dickerson or email

lfpaoffice@theparkfederation.org

**The Park Federation's
Year 6
Maths Challenge
2023/24**



In February, some of our Year 6 pupils will be attending our Federation's Maths Challenge against seven other schools.

This is an exciting way for our pupils to engage with other children in a fun, friendly and competitive manner!

Log onto MyMaths to support your children at home!

Top tasks completed last week:

1. Year 4 – 330 tasks
2. Year 5 – 140 tasks
3. Year 3 – 120 tasks

