

**Moorside Primary School**

**Attendance Newsletter**

**November 2018**

Welcome to Moorside Primary School attendance newsletter.

We hope that you found the last newsletter helpful and informative.



**Tips to help you get to school on time every day**

* Make sure your child understands why school is important
* Show your child that you are interested in what they have done at school
* Get everything ready the night before school
* Arrange appointments before or after school or during the schools holidays
* Set your alarm and your child’s alarm clock. See who can beat the clock!
* Join breakfast club – we have a free breakfast club on every morning from 8.00 to 8.30 a.m. and there is no need to book!
* Catch an earlier bus or set off a little bit earlier if you walk

**100% Attendance**

We would like to start with some very positive news. Last half term, five classes achieved 100% attendance over the half term. 5W had 100% twice and were very close again with 99.6% before half term. Well done to class 5C who achieved the highest overall attendance of 98.2%

We also had one hundred and ninety-eight children with 100% attendance. Well done and keep up the good work!

**Overall attendance and punctuality**

As a school we are expected to have attendance above 97%. Last half term we achieved 95.9%. Although we have improved since last year we still need to work together to improve this figure.

Last term we had four hundred and ninety-eight lates! It is very important that children arrive at school on time and ready to learn. It can be upsetting for children arriving late when their classmates have already begun lessons. If there is a particular reason for your child being late please can you speak to Mrs Knowles, Ms Williams or the leadership team.

**Well Done!**

Attendance certificates are given out on a weekly basis to the class with the best attendance as well as the class with the most improved attendance. All the certificates are on our school website **[www.moorside.newcastle.sch.uk](http://www.moorside.newcastle.sch.uk)**

Well done to Class 4P who had the best attendance the week commencing 30/04/18 at 97.1%. 4P have won best attendance ten times so far this year including one week that they achieved 100%. This is great 4P please keep it up!

Well done to Class RL who had the most improved attendance going from 89.7% to 95%.



**Holidays and Leave of Absence in Term Time**

Holidays during term time are not authorised by school. This term alone we have had twenty-three pupils miss school due to non- authorised holidays. This equates to one hundred and eleven days of lost learning.

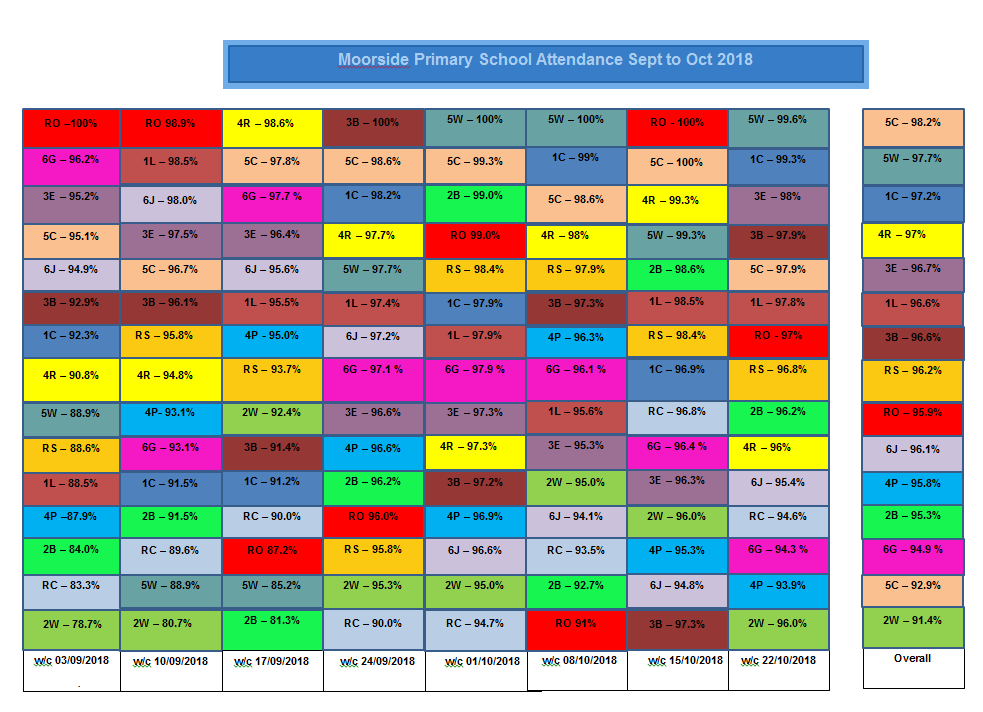
School holiday calendars are available from the school office or online at [www.newcastle.gov.uk](http://www.newcastle.gov.uk)

Please plan your trips around these school holidays.

Please arrange medical appointments outside of school hours. We appreciate that this is not always possible, therefore medical evidence will be required i.e. appointment letter or sight of appointment via text message.

If your child has a medical appointment during the school day they can come to school before and after the appointment.

**Attendance League**

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