Dear Parents/Carers/ Grandparents

At our school we are always striving to be the very best that we can be. In order for us to be able to say that we are an outstanding school in the eyes of OFSTED **we need your help**!

At the moment our school’s attendance is well below the national average. Last year our attendance was 94.94%. It should be at least 96%. This is due to parents taking their children out in school time on holiday. If this hadn’t happened our attendance would have been 96.64%, meaning that we would have been above the national average. The Governors have produced a leaflet that will be sent out to you shortly outlining our new attendance campaign, ‘Get In, Get On’. As a team let us reach the 96% National Average for attendance. Reducing term time holiday absence will do it!

Did you know……?

As a school we understand the financial temptation of lower priced holidays during term time but cannot approve missing vital schooling for this reason. We actively encourage parents not to take holidays during term time so that children can fully benefit from the opportunities their school provides. Therefore, the school as directed by the governors, continues not to authorise holidays during term time.

An academic year runs from September

to July. If your child misses two weeks

of school every year, this adds up to

more than two terms over your child’s

whole time in school.

**This is what we hope will help:**

In the academic year 2019/20 there will be a two week holiday from Nottinghamshire County Council in October. We will break up on Friday 18th October and return to school on Monday 4th November. At our school we have decided to put our four Inset days together the week after half term in May in order for you to access cheaper holidays. The Inset days are Monday 1st June to Thursday 4th June 2020.

Did you know….?

If your child takes two weeks holiday in term time, their maximum attendance they can gain for that year is 94.7%.

**TRY TO HELP US TO RAISE OUR ATTENDANCE TOGETHER – THANK YOU**

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