

## Extended Holiday

At Alexandra Park Junior School we take our attendance seriously. The more your child attends school, the more progress they will make. High attendance and high achievement go hand in hand. The school DOES NOT approve any holidays during term time, including taking children overseas. When we had our recent OFSTED inspection it was a concern of theirs in terms of the number of children taking extended leave. Our aim is to make parents aware of the impact this has on their child's progress and research proves that it can impact on the children not reaching the expected standard required in any year group.

Last year we had 111 children in our school whose parents took them out on extended leave, this is an equivalent over one whole year group of children. By the end of July attendance was 95.2%. WITHOUT all the extended leave our whole school attendance would have been 98.43% which is well above average and if not one of the best in Oldham and beyond. It is our aim to ensure that parents are aware of the impact on their's child's progress and more information will be sent out in the future and during meetings held with parents in school.

