

26th October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Bike-ability Achievements



During whole school assembly this morning many of our children received certificates for successfully passing their cycling proficiency Level 1 and Level 2. We are proud of our children for gaining confidence in riding bikes safely and to parents for bringing in so many bikes for their children. The teachers were fantastic and stated how wonderful our children were to work with.

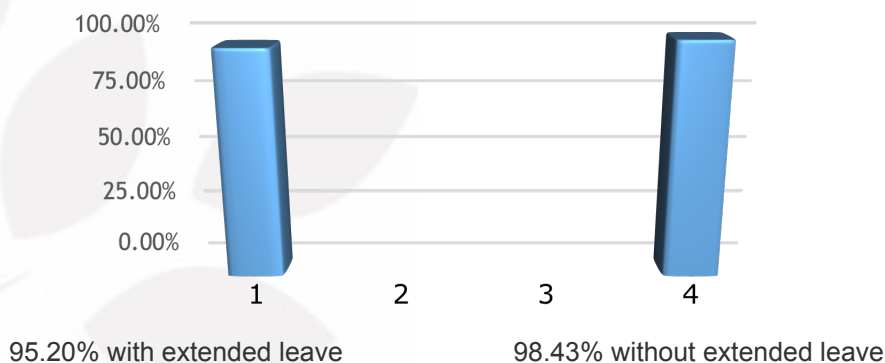
### Brain-builder Homework

All children will receive their Brain-builder homework for over the holidays. We have seen some fantastic projects and 3D models in the past so please do continue to make this a family experience. We will be displaying the best work in school. There will be an extension to the date for this project work. The work must be in by the 12th of November.



### 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.



### ATTENDANCE

Well done to classes 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 for achieving over 96% attendance last week. A super well done to classes 4 and 9 for 100%.



### DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

- \* Monday 5th November-(Whole School Assembly at 9am - All parents welcome)  
Celebration of 100% Attendance for the last half term
- \* Tuesday 6th November - The Red Cross to visit Year 6 children
- \* Wednesday 7th November - The Youth Mayor to visit the children in Upper and Lower assembly
- \* Thursday 8th November - Year 6 Trip to Blackpool Dungeons/Year 5 Hygiene Talk
- \* Friday 9th November - Remembrance Day Assembly (9am in the hall - Parents Welcome)/Year 6 Hygiene Talk

**Wishing all our children and their families a safe and happy half term.**





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