Riverside Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Introducing Our New Attendance Reward System

As you know, good attendance is really important to us at Riverside Primary School. Being in school regularly helps children to make the most of their learning, build friendships and enjoy all the opportunities that school has to offer.

We already have a number of systems in place to monitor attendance and support families where attendance becomes a concern. However, we also want to make sure that we are **celebrating and rewarding good attendance** in a positive and exciting way.

We are therefore introducing a new half-termly attendance reward system, which we hope will encourage children to work together as a class and take pride in their attendance.

How will it work?

- **Every week**, our attendance bear will continue to be awarded to the class with the highest attendance.
- **Throughout each half term**, we will monitor attendance across the classes.
- **At the end of each half term**, the three classes with the highest attendance in each building will have their names entered into a draw.
- **One class from each draw** will be selected at random to enjoy a special attendance treat during the final week of the half term.

This means that even if a class doesn't finish in first place, they still have a chance of winning!

What will the rewards be?

This is where we would really like the children to get involved!

We will be asking children to discuss possible rewards during their class council meetings. Their ideas will then be shared with our School Council, who will help us put together a list of treats.

These might include a pizza party, a film afternoon with popcorn, an opportunity to wear their favourite clothes to school or perhaps something completely different!

At the beginning of each half term, a treat will be randomly selected from the list and shared with the children, so that everyone knows what they are working towards.

How can you help?

We would love you to talk to your child at home about our new reward system and encourage them to think of some exciting ideas for class treats. They can then share these with their class councillor.

Of course, we fully recognise that there are times when children are genuinely unwell and need to remain at home. We would never want a child to feel under pressure to attend school when they are too poorly. Our aim is simply to celebrate good attendance, encourage positive attitudes towards school and recognise the collective efforts of our classes.

We hope the children will really enjoy this new initiative, particularly as they will have played such an important part in deciding the rewards.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping us make every school day count.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Claire Smith
Headteacher