



Hanley St Luke's C of E (Aided) Primary

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Dear Parents and Carers,

You may be aware that we have asked the children for ideas to improve attendance and punctuality in school. As you'd imagine, the children came up with many wonderful ideas but most would have 'broken the bank' with prizes galore! However, adapting some of the children's brilliant ideas, we are going to be introducing an additional half termly motivation for attendance and punctuality.

Each half term children who fall within the 'Green Band' of 97% and above for attendance (see February's newsletter) will receive a Golden Dojo, provided they have not been late **at all** that half term. We close the school doors at 8:55 a.m. so children will be classed as late if they arrive any time after this without exception. Lateness after registers close (9:25 a.m.) is classed as an unauthorised absence and will impact on your child's overall attendance figures.

Punctuality and regular attendance matters in life and we need to encourage and reward it and by starting each half term afresh, this gives families a chance to improve and their children to be rewarded more often. Children are very motivated by the Dojo rewards and already receive daily Dojos if they are on time, but we think this will be an additional incentive. Our existing attendance rewards such as the weekly attendance lottery and the termly certificates etc. will remain in place and we will review the overall impact of our incentive schemes as the year progresses.

The new incentive will begin after the February half term holiday.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Williamson
Headteacher