

# CHURCH HILL SCHOOL – 20/01/2023

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## Punctuality and absence.

Every minute of every school day makes a real difference to children's learning and progress. When children are late or miss days off school unnecessarily, they miss vital teaching and learning opportunities which mean they are unable to make the amount of progress they are capable of. At Church Hill, whenever a child is late for school, they miss the direct teaching for either maths or English, making it extremely difficult for them to complete the class work and therefore extend their knowledge and understanding. The figures below demonstrate how much learning is lost through being just a few minutes late each day.

5 minutes late each day = 3 days lost  
10 minutes late each day = 6.5 days lost  
15 minutes late each day = 10 days lost  
20 minutes late each day = 13 days lost  
30 minutes late each day = 19 days lost  
These figures are calculated over a school year.

In order to maximise your children's chances to achieve as highly as they can and therefore have the best options and prospects available to them in the future, please make sure they are in school, on time every day, unless they have an unavoidable medical appointment or are genuinely too unwell to attend school.



## Industrial Action

As you will have seen or heard, the main teaching union - the NEU - has voted in favour of industrial action. This industrial action includes strike action where teachers within this union will not attend work. There are a number of dates where this action will take place which will have a significant impact on the safe opening of schools. The first of these dates is Wednesday 1st February, with the high likelihood that school will remain closed to children. We will confirm this decision early next week, following further advice from the Local Authority.

## Parent Hour Coffee Mornings

Don't forget, our Parent Hour Coffee Mornings which take place on the first Wednesday of each month in the studio between 9am and 10am.

Topics to be discussed will be varied and helpful.

Please contact the office to book your place. The dates for our sessions are:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>
8th Feb	Online safety/anti bullying
1st Mar	How to read with your children
3rd May	Art for your heart
7th June	Preparing for transitions



## Fully Funded Activities

The London Borough of Barnet are offering several activities taking place over the half term. These include:

Feb Shed Days with the Chickenshed  
Exploding books  
Arts and Crafts  
Cookery Workshops  
Parent and Child Yoga  
Digital Photography  
Sound Mediation Workshops  
Circus Skills and many more  
Booking is available via [www.barnetyouth.uk](http://www.barnetyouth.uk)

Please note these activities are free of charge to children who live or go to school in the borough and will be available to book from 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 as always spaces are limited and are first come first serve.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

**Florence Richardson, Raffaello Tigwell, Emily Tota, Florence Davies, Lewis Marriott, All of Year 5 and Aurter Liushnenko who all received the Super Star Award.**

**Rinchen Sonam, Dominik Kankowski, Gracie Glynne, Isabella Ferro, Jake McNeil, Kausar Abduladi and Ciaran Pullen who all received the Subject Super Hero Award**

**WELL DONE TO YOU ALL**