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Learning and achieving together

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Dear Parents & Carers,

I can't believe we have reached the end of term so quickly and what a varied and wonderful 6 weeks it has been. Thank you for the great work you do at home with your children and for the support for the school and our teaching teams that you provide. It really makes a difference to everyone in school.

Year 6 Camp

I just wanted to share what a fantastic week I had with the children and adults that went to Liddington Manor last week. It was an absolute privilege to lead a group and spend the whole week sharing the memories and fun. The children were outstanding ambassadors for the school, great behaviour, great team work, courage, determination and fun in abundance. I am sure I don't need to tell you how hard the staff worked to care for, nurture and support the children while they were away from home! We were also joined by our safeguarding governor, Kim Jones who gave up her own holiday time to support the school. These trips are always supported by at least 1 member of our LGB. Great job Team PPS!

April the 1st

To celebrate the end of term we are holding a non-uniform day tomorrow. There is no requirement for you to make any donation. Please wear what you like and have fun.

Value of the Term

Next Term's value is Trust. We will be focusing our assemblies on encouraging support for one another, taking pride in the success of others, listening and being able to compromise, valuing the importance of good communication and being kind and honest.

School Rules and Behaviour Charts

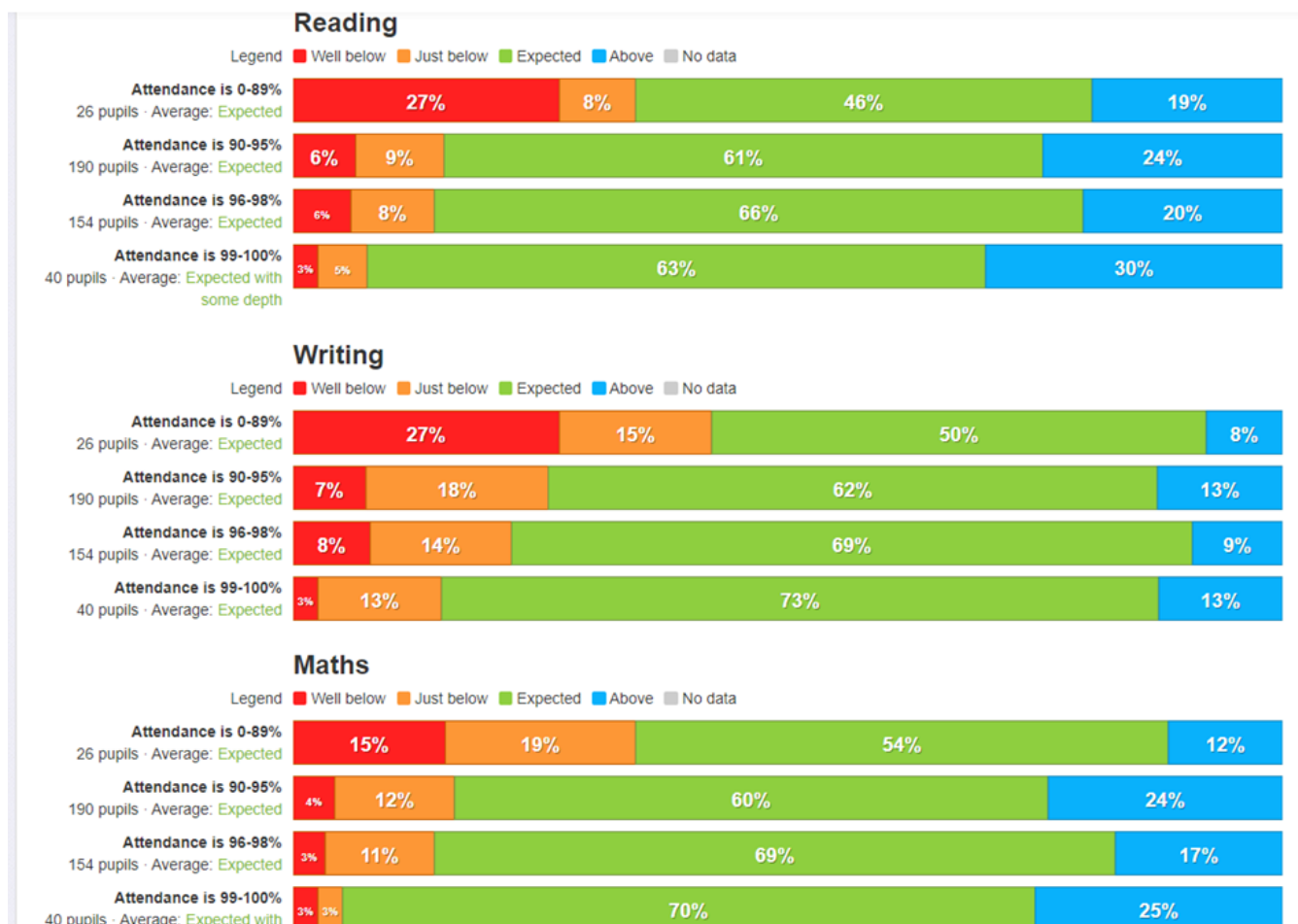
Our simplified school rules are proving to be very effective. Thanks to the school council, anti-bullying ambassadors and staff for their feedback. The rules are displayed in every classroom and used in our discussions with children to remind them of what we expect:

- **Be Kind**
- **Be Safe**
- **Ready to Learn**

We are amending our behaviour charts to focus on recognizing behaviour that is positive. New charts will be displayed in all classes after Easter.

Attendance

I won't need to remind you of the sickness challenge we faced together earlier in the term. There are always going to be times when staying at home is absolutely the right thing to do but these should be rare for the overwhelming majority of our children. The expectation remains that children should have at least a 95% attendance rate. Below you can see the clear link between attendance and how well children learn (their attainment). In simple terms, there is a direct relationship between how often you come to school and how well you do. This is why attendance is such a high Trust and school priority.



Author Feedback

Year 6 have been doing some work inspired by The Promise written by Laura Carlin. Mrs Bennett emailed Laura's agent and got this lovely response I thought I would share with you.

"Thank you so much for getting in touch. Your pupils ARE amazing. Their work is really beautiful and I'll certainly pass on your email to Laura Carlin, who I'm sure will be as impressed as I am.

I'm so happy to hear that your pupils feel that they can be catalysts for the changes that humanity needs to make - that is the best news. Words are powerful, stories are powerful and they are where change begins, so it's really encouraging to know that children in Portishead are raising their voices to ask for, and to create, change."

Have a lovely Easter break.

Kind Regards,
Richard Riordan
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