

Monday 6th March



Monthly Attendance Award

The winning classes last month are:

2B
98.3%

6K & 6T
99.1%

3B
97.8%

5H
100%

Well Done

The whole school attendance for last month is:

94.2%

95.2%

95.2%

96.2%

The national average expectation is 96%



Head Of School Certificate



Aaron W

Scarlett T

Ainsley G

Alishba S

3rd February

10th February

17th February

3rd March



Well Done



Golden Award

Pupils who have received a 'Golden Award' Certificate are:

	3 rd February	10 th February	17 th February	3 rd March
AM	Archie	Broday	All Nursery	Jacob
PM	Ruben	Maham	All Nursery	Declan
RB	Amalie	Harmony & Charlie	Habeeba	Jessica
RD	Michael	Azan	Corey	Frankie
1M	Tyler	Corey	Jenson	Jaydon
1R	Mohammad	Keeley	Finley	Raeya
2B	Kia	Michelle	Grace	Callum
2D	Grace S	Taylon	Alfie	Zayna
3B	Lacey-May	Brandon	Ellie	Lewis
3C	Grace H	Szilo	Lacey	Ibrahim
4B	Mika	Awais	Sienna	Lexie
4G	Nikoloz	Sonaina	Sophia	Anabel
5H	Grace S	Joseph	Xander	Grace
5I	Fatima	Rahim	Tia	Umar
6K	Dylan	Hania	Deesha	Robert
6T	Demi	Chloe	Abigail B	Charlize

It was a lovely honour this week for Mrs Young to receive a letter from Nick Gibb - the Minister of State at the Department for Education. The letter congratulated our staff and pupils for the 2016 SATs results and stated that Mr Gibb recognised The Ferns Academy as being within the top 3% nationally for progress measures. We will be displaying this letter in the entrance foyer so call in to read it in full.

BBC series Back In Time



Would you and your family like to go Back In Time for a new BBC series?

The makers of the hit series *Back In Time for Dinner* and *Further Back In Time for Dinner* are looking for a food loving family to immerse themselves in the lives and diets of working people in Northern England over the last 150 years.

If you've always wanted to know how previous generations lived - what work they did, what they ate and how they cooked it - then we would love to hear from you.

please email backintime@walltowall.co.uk for details on how to apply. Families must be UK residents with a minimum of 2 children aged 8+.



Producers of the new BBC2 *Back in Time for Tea* series, are looking for a local, food-loving family to immerse themselves in the lives and diets of working people in Northern England over the last 150 years. It will be an exciting and educational opportunity for a local family to find out about the lives led by previous generations – where they lived, what work they did, what they ate and how they cooked it.

The BBC are going to be filming the series over the school summer holidays and October half term and are looking for a family with two or more children who would be available to film during these periods.

P.E Kit

Government guidelines state that children should have access to 60 minutes of physical activity every day; 30 minutes at school and 30 minutes at home. At The Ferns Academy, we have carefully structured our curriculum and extra-curricular provision so that our pupils meet these daily requirements at school.

However, as the weather now improves through the spring and summer terms, the amount of opportunities for physical activity increases even further. So that your child is able to participate in all of these activities, can you please ensure that they have their PE kit in school **every day**. This includes children who require a swimming kit once a week as they will also be taking part in sport and exercise at school.

As a reminder, the school PE uniform code is:

Grey jogging pants (including logo)

Yellow round neck t-shirt (including logo)

Black pumps (Trainers are acceptable for outdoor activity but cannot be worn inside the sports hall.)

Should pupils be without their PE kit or have the incorrect uniform, items will be removed or substituted as appropriate. If necessary, parents/guardians will be required to bring a kit into school.

Thank you for your support with this matter.

Absence

If your child is going to be absent from school, please ensure that the school office is notified before 9.30am. Academy policy states that if a child does not have a mark in the register and no explanation has been given, a text will be sent immediately to the child's main contact. If school are not informed before 9:30am then the child will receive an unauthorised mark on the register; this can consequently lead to a fine. The failure to respond to one of these texts will be classed as an unauthorised absence. Recently our attendance system has been picking up patterns in the days which some pupils are failing to attend school. Issues like this will be addressed at a formal panel meeting.

Finally many children are being collected during school hours in order to attend medical appointments. Unless it is an emergency, appointments must be made outside of school hours or during school holidays. We are unable to release children for such appointments without written confirmation from the medical profession.

2016 to 2017 academic year

Key stage 1

Date	Activity
May 2017	Key stage 1 SATs testing period
Week commencing Monday 12 June 2017	Year 1 Phonics screening check week

Key stage 2

The key stage 2 statutory tests are timetabled from Monday 8th May to Thursday 11th May 2017. All pupils across the country must take the tests at the designated time.

Date	Activity
Monday 8 May 2017	English reading
Tuesday 9 May 2017	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1: questions
	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2: spelling
Wednesday 10 May 2017	Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic
	Mathematics Paper 2: reasoning
Thursday 11 May 2017	Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning

*** Please check diary dates – lots of events coming up *
Forthcoming Dates – Spring Term 2017**

Wednesday 5 th March	School Group Photographs
Thursday 23 rd March	Year 5 Assembly
Friday 24 th March	Red Nose Day (Non Uniform Day) Mother's Day Lunch 12pm
Friday 7 th April	Non Uniform Day (Easter Egg Donation)
Monday 10 th April	Year 6 Practice Testing Week
Wednesday 12 th April	PTFA Easter Bingo 5pm – 7 pm
Thursday 13 th April	Last day of term
Monday 24 th April	Summer term starts

A Young

Mrs A Young
Head Of School

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