

Week ending 13<sup>th</sup> February 2015

**Punctuality - why is it important?**

**Being on time:**

- gets your day off to a good start and puts you in a positive frame of mind, so that you can make the most of your learning opportunities;
- sets positive patterns for the future. You can't expect to keep a job if you're always coming in late;
- leads to a good attendance record and means you don't miss any morning notices;
- leads to better achievement because you attend the WHOLE of all of your classes;
- leads to understanding that school is important and education is valuable;
- helps you develop a sense of responsibility for yourself and towards others and is a sign of good character.

**From Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February, we will be introducing the following procedures regarding punctuality and lateness:**

- The school gate will have staff monitoring student's arrival. Students arriving after **8:52** will have their names taken. This is to ensure students are marked in the register which is taken at **8:52**.
- Students who arrive after 8.52 will be encouraged to arrive earlier in future and lateness monitored.
- Persistent lateness will require a meeting of concern with Mr Ashton to discuss how this can be improved.

Research shows that attendance and punctuality are the single most important factors in school success. At Unity Academy all students are expected to be in school in good time for registration.

**Half Term Break**

School closes today for half term and re-opens on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February. We hope you have an enjoyable and restful break.



**Last Week's Stars of the Week:**

- 1NR – Jayden
- 1LM – Tyler
- 2MB – Summer
- 2CB – Karina
- 3RB – Kyle
- 3NC – Ella
- 4ZM – Lee
- 4GH - Natasha
- 5VA – Molly-Anne
- 5EB – Patricia
- 6MG – Julie-Anne
- 6BL – Anthony

**Winners of Monday Motivator:**

KS1 - Shakira (2CB)

KS2 – Logan (4GH)

**Attendance – last week**

% Attendance / Late marks

RSRO -	99.23%	13
RHW -	98.40%	2
1LM -	98.18%	11
1NR -	93.33%	11
2CB -	98.10%	7
2MB -	96.19%	6
3NC -	96.07%	17
3RB -	98.57%	9
4ZM -	97.89%	12
4GH -	91.67%	3
5EB -	96.80%	21
5VA -	95.16%	16
6BL -	96.07%	15
6MG -	98.40%	0

### Eco Fortnight

Our eco fortnight ends today with an exhibition after school in the drama hall. We hope you can make it to see the creative projects the children have been working on.

School is working hard to improve our environmental status with the goal of becoming the first Green Flag school in Blackpool.



### Head Lice Alert

A number of cases of head lice have been reported in school this week. Please check your child's hair over the holiday and treat if necessary.

Please ask your local pharmacist for advice on the best treatments.

### **LUNCH MENU - week commencing 23rd February**

#### MONDAY

Chicken tikka masala, mixed rice, naan bread & garden peas,  
Or  
Jacket potato with tuna mayonnaise or cheese & coleslaw.  
*Peach slices & custard*

#### TUESDAY

Pork loin steak, Yorkshire pudding, gravy, roast & boiled potatoes, carrots & swede,  
Or  
Pasta spirals in tomato & basil sauce, garlic bread & carrots.  
*Homemade raspberry bun / milkshake*

#### WEDNESDAY

Beefburger in a bun with ketchup, sauté potatoes & baked beans,  
Or  
Country bake, chips & baked beans.  
*Chocolate sponge & chocolate sauce*

#### THURSDAY

Homemade meat & potato pie, broccoli florets,  
Or  
Cheese & potato bake, broccoli florets.  
*Mandarins in orange jelly & ice cream*

#### FRIDAY

Breaded salmon fillet, mashed potatoes & sweetcorn,  
Or  
Cheese & onion lattice finger, mashed potatoes & sweetcorn.  
*Iced sponge cake / fruit juice*

### Schools Alive Performance

A number of primary children performed alongside high school students in Schools Alive at the Grand Theatre on Tuesday. They put on an excellent performance of Mamma Mia. Well done to all children involved.

### Visitor to Years 5 and 6

Professor Fluffy from the University of Cumbria has been in school this week, speaking to the year 5 and 6 children. She gave a very informative talk about jobs, careers and life at university.

### Year 5 and 6 girls

The girls in years 5 and 6 will be having a growing up talk when we return after half term. If you do not want your child to attend the talk please return your reply slip by Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February.