



# The Friday Flyer

## Y2 Trip

Year 2 children enjoyed their trip to the Lowry Gallery on Wednesday. They had a chance to look at some of Lowry's original paintings and take part in art activities themselves. Year 2 learn about Lowry during their autumn topic when they also learn about the local environment now and in the past.



## 100% Attendance Day

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As you know we held our 100% Attendance Day this week (4<sup>th</sup> October). The children enjoyed an 'American Diner' lunch and all who attended on this day were entered into a raffle with the chance of winning £20 worth of Flip Out vouchers and £10 worth of Asda vouchers for the family to enjoy. There were four prizes (one for each phase) and the winners were:

Jarvis, Manaswi, Joe J and Kenzie K

Whilst we did not hit our 100% attendance target attendance did improve and rose from 93.5% (average) to 96% on this day.

Our 100% Attendance Day has proved that attendance can get better so please try your very best to get your children in school each day and on time. We want to exceed the Manchester and the national target of 96% (average) at the end of each term.

We hope that the winning families enjoy their prizes.



## Punctuality

Along with our drive to improve attendance we are also looking closely at punctuality. We need children to be in school on time so that they do not miss vital learning. The school day starts at 10 to 9 (8.50am), We also expect that parents/carers will collect their children on time.

If you are going to be late to collect your child, please phone the school office to let us know. If you arrive late and have not called, staff will ask you (or the person collecting your child) why you are late.

## Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings are coming up before October half term. The dates are 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October from 3.30pm - 6.00pm. A separate letter has been sent out and we ask parent/carers to return it as soon as possible. We will do our best to accommodate parent/carer choices. Appointments are 10 minutes per child and this is an opportunity for your child's teacher to show you what he/she is doing well and where improvements need to be made. There will be our usual Community Fair running at the same time as Parents' Evening so we ask parents to enter and exit school via the hall and spend a few moments looking at each stall to find out what services are available in the community. There will also be a parent voice survey (which will only take a few moments to complete). Families that complete the survey will be entered into a raffle with the chance to win a food hamper packed with goodies and treats.



## Parental Conduct

We would like to say thank you to all the parents and carers who are always polite and positive when speaking to school staff. However, we do have a small number of parents/carers or other family members who have recently spoken rudely, aggressively or abusively to staff members and this is not acceptable.

We are a large and very busy school and we offer a good standard of education and care to all our children. Our recent Ofsted report says:

*'...staff care deeply about the pupils in your charge and want the very best for them.'*

Please be patient if you have a concern or a query. Our office staff work hard to deal with parental queries but with a school of 420 children, this can take time! We will always go out of our way to help you as quickly as possible but we expect to be treated with the respect that we show to you.

Parents/carers or family members who are aggressive in their manner to any staff member risk being banned from school premises.

