

**TEAM TALK | 09.12.2022**



## Dear Families,

This is my first newsletter to you all as your Head of School, and what a privilege it is! I've spent the last fortnight getting to know your fabulous children; spending time in their lessons, enjoying playtimes, listening to them read and having lunch together. There's also something very special about joining the Cambrai Team at Christmas time! It's also been great to meet some of you! You'll find me on the school gates most mornings, please do introduce yourselves.



## Christmas at Cambrai!

Next week is very busy with Christmas celebrations, below is a brief reminder of what's going on and for who. We have really enjoyed planning a busy festive period, we aim to make lasting memories for your child.

Day / Time	Classes Involved	Activity	Notes
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> 10:00	Reception (and some Y1-3)	The Nativity	Join us for our beautiful nativity! Reception parents and parents of Y1-Y3 readers are invited.
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> Morning	Reception	Community Singing	Reception children will be singing in a local residential home for the elderly
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> Afternoon	Reception / Year 1	Christmas Party	Come to school dressed to impress!
Weds 14 <sup>th</sup> Morning	Y2	Community Singing	Y2 children will be singing in a local residential home for the elderly
Weds 4 <sup>th</sup> Afternoon	All	Whole School Trip to the Georgian Theatre – pantomime	All children will join us in our annual trip to the pantomime in the most beautiful and history theatre! You should have all had the letters and payment info for this
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup>	Y2 and Y3	Christmas Party	Come to school dressed to impress!
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	All	Christmas Lunch & Christmas jumper day!	All children are invited to join in Christmas lunch – even if usually have packed lunch. Children can bring in small toys and wear their Christmas jumpers! (Donations to charity for Xmas jumper day)
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	All	Break Up For Christmas	See you all on Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2023!

## OPAL Gold Award!

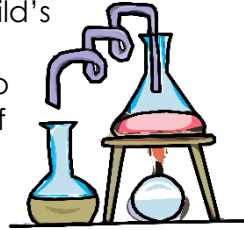
We are absolutely over the moon to share with you that this week, following our final OPAL assessment, we received a 'Gold Award' for our playtimes! This means that we are in the top 0.5% of schools nationally for the quality of our playtime experiences. This really been a full team effort, including you as families! Without your donations and help we would have struggled. Thank you also to the great team of staff, their dedication and commitment to improving playtimes has made such a difference.



## Cambrai Clubs

The children spoke – and we listened! We asked the children what clubs they would like to see running after Christmas. Alongside this newsletter, you should today be receiving a new list of clubs to choose for the Spring Term. Please make sure you return the letter with your child's options on so we can allocate clubs.

We are really keen to link up with any local clubs/sports teams who may be able to volunteer some time in order for us to offer even more clubs after February Half Term. If you have any contacts that you can point us in the right direction of we would be very grateful!

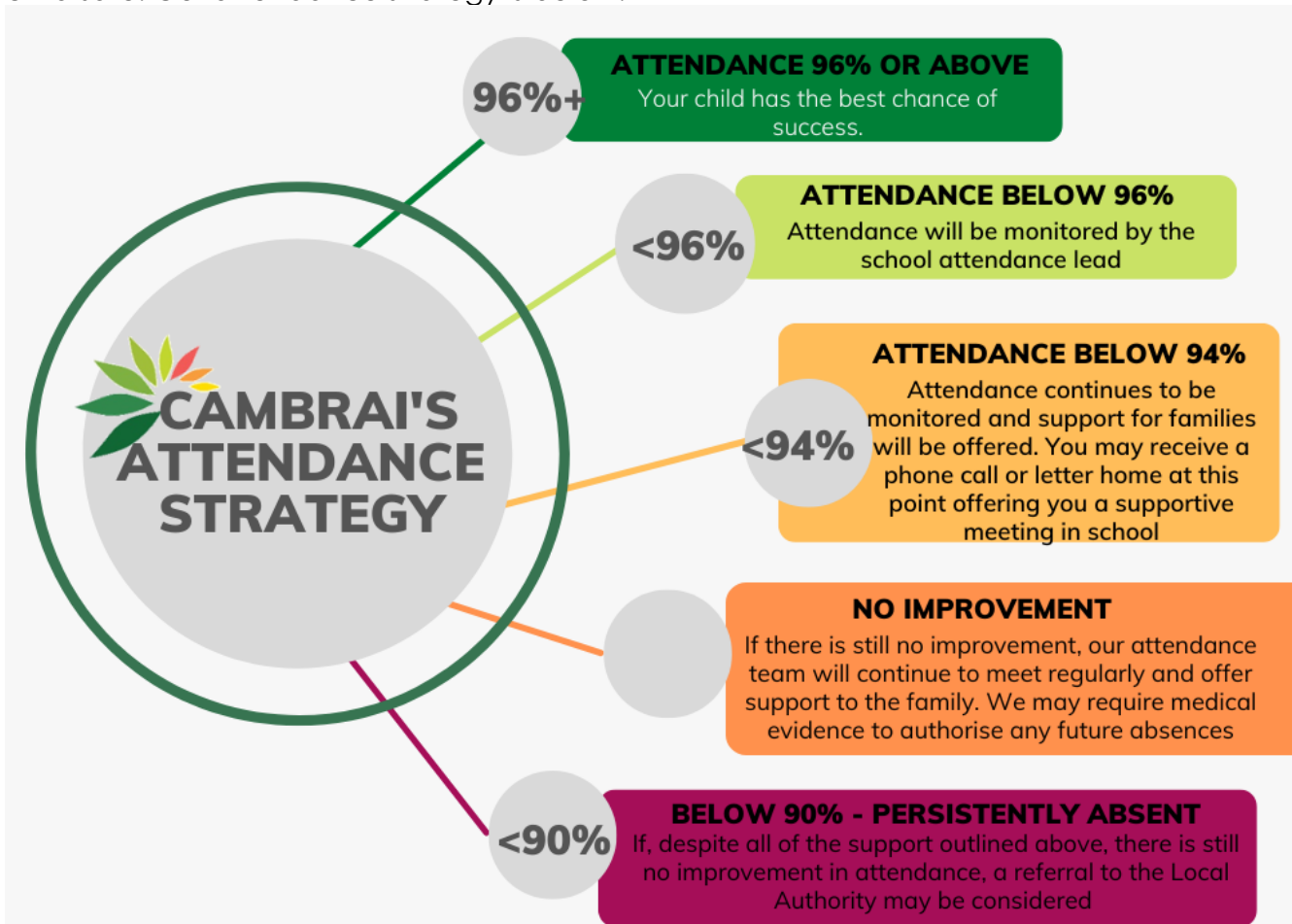


## Attendance and Punctuality

I've been really impressed with your commitment, as families, to getting your children to school on time and every day. I know lots of you have worked hard to improve your child's school attendance.

**Well done to Mr Marshall's class, who have the best attendance for this Autumn Term!**

If your child is unwell, I'd just like to remind you of our expectations around pupil absence. Please ring and inform the office before 9am. Ideally, this should be done on each day of your child's absence. If we haven't received any contact from parents/carers we will then phone you to find out why your child isn't in school. If we still don't hear from you it is likely that we will carry out a home visit, just to check everything is okay. This is part of our ongoing commitment to keeping your child safe. Our attendance strategy is below.



Our school gates close at 9am, if your child arrives after this time they are classed as 'late'. From January, we will be introducing a 'late book' in the office. This is so we can keep an eye on children who are frequently late to school, we might be able to support you in getting the child/children to school on time. Please ensure your child gets to school on time so that they don't miss vital learning.



## Uniform and Haircuts

Just a quick reminder about our uniform policy. I've noticed a few children wearing clothes on PE days that are not in line with our PE uniform. Please remember, your child should still wear their school jumper. Especially in this cold weather! The tracksuit bottoms that the children wear should be in line with school uniform colours.

We expect all children to wear black school shoes and to have smart haircuts, and strongly discourage radical designs, such as tramlines, patterns, coloured dyes, 'rats tails' or 'skinheads'. Children are not allowed jewellery other than a watch and a single stud in each ear, which must be removed or covered for PE. Also just to remind parents that nail polish should not be worn.

Please remember, school reopens for children on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023**. (Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> are Staff PD Days)

## *And finally...*

All that is left for me to say is have a fantastic Christmas and very best wishes for the New Year. I'm very much looking forward to all that 2023 will bring!

Yours sincerely

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