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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Attendance Recognition and Reward

As we enter the final eight days of the school year, we want to acknowledge the incredible effort our children, and our families, have made to ensure children continue to have good attendance to school.

In a longer-than-usual half-term, and with the recent warmer weather, we know that attendance to school every day can be a challenge.

Your continued support, encouragement and commitment has made a real difference. This year, we are celebrating some fantastic improvements in attendance:

- A 1% increase in whole school attendance since last academic year (this is an outstanding achievement in the world of attendance!)
- Year 8 attendance at Ellis Guilford School is higher than 72% of other similar schools
- We have fewer persistently absent children in Year 8 than 61% of other similar schools
- Year 9 attendance is better than 63% of other similar schools

## **Countdown to Summer Celebration**

To celebrate these achievements, we're excited to launch our 'Countdown to Summer' event!

From now until the end of term, children will earn an entry into our raffle draw for every day attended. The draw will take place on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

Double points will be awarded to children on Friday 18th July and Wednesday 23rd July.

More days attended = more raffle draw entries = more chance of winning!

## Prizes include:

- 2 x Nintendo Switch consoles
- 4 x Family takeaway vouchers
- 4 x Family cinema passes
- And more surprises!

We're really looking forward to continuing to work closely with you during the next academic year, ensuring that every child has access to the education, support and opportunities they deserve.

Thank you once again for being such a vital part of our school community.

Kindest regards,

Miss Johnson

Principal

Mrs Jackson

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Attendance Improvement Manager