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Dear Parents and Carers,

ALL the research tells us that children's achievement is directly impacted by their school attendance. Now, more than any year before, this is especially true. We therefore respectfully request that parents do their utmost to limit the impact of holidays on the school year. Education is both a right and a privilege and, after two years of terrible disruption, it is so important that the children get the opportunity to be in school and to make the most of their time with us.

Please find below therefore our top tips on how to make the most of our planned INSET days to book term-time holiday and STILL get your 100% attendance awards!

Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September 2021- You can take a summer break right up to 5th September 2021 without incurring any school absence. We strongly advise against missing the first days in school as these are the most important days for your child to build their social relationships and feel included in their class - making new friends and feeling safe and secure with their new adults.

3rd December 2021- We're really hoping that, for our younger children, visits to see Santa will be back on again this year. If COVID permits - this would be a great day to book a visit!

Monday 31st January 2022 - This is where you can book a lovely long weekend together in the Spring term.

Friday 1st July 2022 - This is where you can book a lovely long weekend together in the Summer term.

And [HERE](#) are the term dates for the academic year in Dorset so that you can make the most of the 13 weeks scheduled holiday.

All best wishes,

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