

## Attendance Information for Lady Bankes Families

*'Every child is entitled to access full time education every day, attendance matters, let's help our children reach their full potential'.*

**Sam squirrel is our attendance mascot for our Reception children.**

Why is regular school attendance so important for children?

Regular attendance at school means that children make the most of their education and improve their chances in adult life.

Schools can also help children's social skills such as making and developing friendships. A regular and punctual attendance pattern will help children when they enter the world of work.

**The link between attendance and attainment in school is clear. The more a pupil is in school the more they increase their opportunity to fulfil their potential.**

This is where SAM the squirrel comes in, used as an incentive to encourage children to want to come to school. SAM will visit each reception class weekly to encourage them to be punctual and attend school regularly. SAM also gives out certificates to the classes with the most improved attendance and punctuality on a monthly basis.

Mrs Sue Smith, Attendance Officer

