

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Attendance**

Congratulations to Y2 who last week had 100% attendance. They get to have "Cuddles" the bear in class with them for another week. Well done Year 2!

Y2 - 100%, Y3 & Y1 - 97.9%, R - 96.3%, Y5 - 05.2%, Y6 - 93.5%, Y4 - 90.7%

**Walk to School Week!**

The winner of the largest proportion of class members walking to school last week was Y1 with 81%! Well done to everyone who made the extra effort last week.

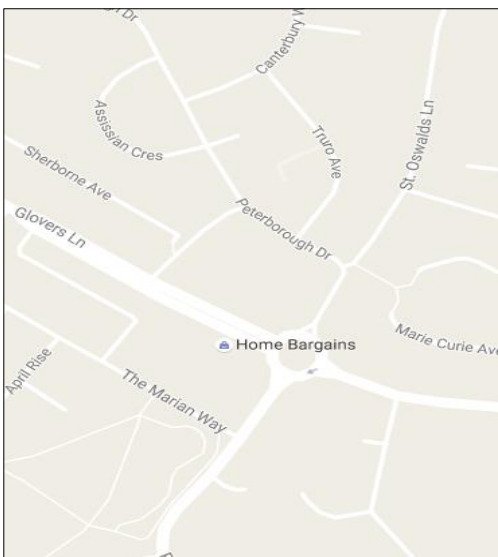
**Our Walking Bus**

We would love to welcome more children to the walking bus. Mrs McNally and Mrs Booker walk the following route every morning leaving school at 08.25AM, walking down Ronald Ross Avenue, crossing St Oswald's Lane at the pedestrian crossing.

The walking bus walks across the doctor's surgery car park and out the back of Magdalene Square to the bottom of Sherborne Road. We have a meeting point at Peterborough Ave. (Please note that we do not go down Assissian Crescent)

The walking bus then turns right onto Canterbury Way, along Canterbury Way, then turns right at the corner of Canterbury Way and Truro Avenue, then Peterborough Drive, St Oswald's Lane and back onto Browns Lane.

At the moment we only have 3 regular children attending, and if we don't get more children attending the walking bus will have to end.



**If you would like to use the walking bus but do not live along this route please fill in the slip below to let us know which road you would like us to pick up from. If there is enough demand we will change the route. Please return this slip to the school office. Thank you**

**The road I would like picking up from is:**

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**Number of children:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Children's University

Children's University are delighted to be working in partnership with Merseyrail to offer CU students FREE return travel across the Merseyrail network. This **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** CU students and their families (2 adults and 3 children) will have access to the rail network allowing them to travel further with their CU Passport.

The aim is to encourage students to get out and about highlighting Learning Destinations along their journey. Please share your #CUAdventureDay with us!

Tickets are limited and available on a first come, first served basis! To gain their FREE travel parents/students will need to register their interest before Thursday 20th at [www.merseyrail.org/childrensuniversity](http://www.merseyrail.org/childrensuniversity) Their travel voucher will then be emailed Friday 21<sup>st</sup> ready to use on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> (depending on privacy settings this may go to their junk email folder)

## Parent/Governor Meeting Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October

Thank you to the parents who attended the meeting last week. There were some very positive suggestions:

1. We will upload onto the school website the methods used in each year group mathematical calculations, there will also be a video clip to demonstrate them.
2. We will be providing workshops for parents in phonics, reading, writing and maths. A leaflet will be distributed during the next parents meeting in November so we know how many parents are interested in which workshops.
3. There will be a questionnaire sent for parents who are interested in choosing a 2 ½ day Nursery option rather than mornings only or afternoons only.
4. When the children return to school for the evening Christmas performance all children will come into school at their usual door for coming into school. These doors will be manned by parent volunteers who will be clearly visible wearing high visibility jackets. This was suggested to reduce the congestion at the front door.

## Packed Lunches

As a Healthy School we encourage all children to eat healthily and ask that parents also do the same to ensure the children grow as they should and develop. Government packed lunch advice is below:

The UK government produced packed lunch guidance to support the implementation of new school food standards for school lunches and ensure that all children benefit from eating quality food during the school day.

The guidelines are:

- One portion of fruit and one portion of vegetable or salad every day to be included in packed lunches
- Meat, fish or another source of non-dairy protein should be included every day. Non dairy sources of protein include lentils, kidney beans, chickpeas, hummus, peanut butter and falafel
- An oily fish, such as salmon, should be included at least once every three weeks
- A starchy food, such as bread or pasta, rice, couscous, noodles, potatoes or other cereals, should be included every day
- A dairy food, such as semi-skimmed or skimmed milk, cheese, yoghurt, fromage frais or custard should be included every day
- Free, fresh drinking water should be available at all times
- Include only water, still or sparkling, fruit juice, semi-skimmed or skimmed milk
- Snacks such as crisps should not be included. Instead, include nuts, seeds, vegetables and fruit (with no added salt, sugar or fat). Savoury crackers or breadsticks served with fruit, vegetables or dairy food are also a good choice
- Confectionery such as chocolate bars, chocolate-coated biscuits and sweets should not be included. Cakes and biscuits are allowed but these should be part of a balanced meal
- Meat products such as sausage rolls, individual pies corned meat and sausages / chipolatas should be included only occasionally

## Dates and events for this year

Please visit the school website for details: [www.stoswaldsnetherton.com](http://www.stoswaldsnetherton.com). All dates for forthcoming events have now been added.

### October 2016

- 20<sup>th</sup> October - Reception Class Stay n' Play
- 21<sup>st</sup> October - St. Oswald's 57<sup>th</sup> school birthday.
- 24<sup>th</sup> October - Half Term starts

### November 2016

- 1<sup>st</sup> November - All Saints Day. PM - Year 2 team to Goals
- 5<sup>th</sup> November - Last day for Shoe boxes to be brought into school
- 8<sup>th</sup> November - Year 6 Remembrance workshop at Cathedral
- 9<sup>th</sup> November - Meet the Teacher from 2.00PM
- 11<sup>th</sup> November - Individual photos
- 14<sup>th</sup> November - Anti-Bullying week
- Remembrance assembly & 11.15am - Mini - Church Nursery & Reception
- 16<sup>th</sup> November - Whole school communion - Years 1 -6
- 17<sup>th</sup> November - Years R - 2 to Odeon Cinema
- 18<sup>th</sup> November - Children In Need
- 21<sup>st</sup> November - International Children's Day
- 21<sup>st</sup> November - Enterprise Week & Road Safety week
- 28<sup>th</sup> November - 2<sup>nd</sup> Assessments & RE week (in the afternoons.)
- Last week for after school clubs
- 29<sup>th</sup> November - Times Tables competition at Litherland Moss

### Half Term Activities

L30s Millions are hosting some exciting community events during half-term and beyond.

A family classic is being shown on the outdoor cinema at Netherton Park Neighbourhood Centre on 30<sup>th</sup> October, as *The Goonies* is screened at 7pm, with hot food and refreshments available to purchase on the night; you can find out more by contacting the Neighbourhood Centre on 0151 285 5211.

On 5<sup>th</sup> November, Netherton Activity Centre will host the outdoor cinema, where families will enjoy a Disney classic that even I watched as a child! *The Jungle Book* will show at 6pm as part of the build up to the musical fireworks display, which takes place at 8pm.

You can find out more about the work of L30s Millions by contacting Kerry Pavey on 0151 934 3800 or by email

### Half Term Holiday

School closes for half term on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 3.15PM. Please note after school clubs will operate as normal and if your child attends a club, they will need to be collected at 4.15PM.

School Re-opens on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 08.30 for Nursery children, 08.50 for 08.55 for KS2 children, and 09:00 for KS1 children.

Yours sincerely,



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