

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 1st February 2017

Attendance

Congratulations to Year 3 who had 100% attendance last week. They get to have "Cuddles" the bear in class with them all week. Y3 - 100%, Y6 - 98.5%, Y5 - 96.7%, Y2 - 96.1%, Y1 , 94.1%, R - 93.8%, Y4 - 92%, N - AM - 87.6%, N - PM - 71.1%

'Readathon'

This term we will be taking part in a national 'Readathon' with an emphasis on 'Reading for Pleasure'.

Each child can choose whatever they wish to read from comics to classics, books to blogs. They will then ask family and friends to sponsor them per book, per page or per 10 minutes. Money raised will go towards helping children in hospital by buying much needed books or by inviting storytellers to visit them. As an added bonus our school will also receive 20% of the total raised. Your child will be provided with a sponsor card and a book mark. All money will need to have been collected by Monday 27th March. Please encourage your child to develop a lifelong love of reading and encourage them to participate. For more information please visit readathon.org.

Volunteer Readers Needed After Half Term

We would like to invite parents and carers to come into school during week beginning; 20th February to share a story with a class or a group. If you would like to come into school, please complete the attached slip and return to school as soon as possible.

Mentor Lunch 7th February 2017

Our whole school Mentor Lunch takes place on Tuesday 7th February 2017, please note that on this day there is no facility for packed lunches.

Times Tables

It is imperative that all children learn their times tables, the curriculum states that by Year 4 all children should know all their times tables from 2 to 12, in order, mixed up and as divisible facts. To help we have purchased "TT Rockstars", which is a programme that all children can use at home. All children have been given their user names and passwords. We would be grateful if your child could use this at home and practice., awards will be given to all those who know their tables.

Christmas Performances 2017

Sadly we will no longer be continuing with an evening performance. We will have one morning performance and two afternoon performances on the following dates:

Tuesday 12th December: 1.30pm

Wednesday 13th December: 9.30am

Thursday 14th December: 1.30pm

We are providing almost a years notice for parents to take time off work if they wish to attend.

Some Free Things to do over Half Term

Active Sefton have organised more sporting activity with the **Be Active** programme, which will have the usual array of fun sporting activity. For more information contact Nicola Finn at Active Sefton on 0151 934 4799.

The Atkinson in Southport has a programme of plenty to entertain children this half-term:

- **Monday 13th February, 2.30PM-** Don't dribble on the dragon. The show is only for children over the age of 2.
- **Friday 17th February, 11.30AM and 2.00PM-5 More Minutes.** Tickets are £6 for children, £8 for adults or £24 for a family ticket.
- **Saturday 18th February-times vary-** *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. Tickets are priced at £7 per child, £9 per adult and £28 for a family ticket.
- **From Friday 17th-Sunday 19th February-XWing Fighter** on display as part of the *May the Toys Be with You Star Wars* exhibition. £3 per adult, £2 per child or £8 for a family ticket.
- Arty Aprons sessions, which take place **every day**.
- Make It! is a drop-in session where children can enjoy creative activities, **these are daily sessions**.
- **Every Tuesday, 11am - 1pm and 1.30pm - 3pm-** Hands On. A chance to handle exhibit items in the museum
- **(Tuesday / Wednesday, 10.30am - 11.30am)** For younger children there will be two rhyme time sessions and *Hungry Caterpillar* **(Thursday, 10.30am- 11.30am)**.
- **10 February - 10 March**, library service will be hosting an *artist led print studio* at Crosby Library. **Every afternoon during half-term**. The sessions are ticket only. Contact **Crosby Library** for more information **0151 257 6400**.

Year 5 Assembly

Year 5 class assembly takes place on Wednesday 8th February in the school hall from 09.15AM. All family and friends are welcome.

Tea / Coffee and refreshments will be served afterwards and we do hope that you will be able to join us.

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7th February - Safer Internet Day - Mentor lunch

8th February - Year 5 class assembly - 9.15 am in the school hall - all families and friends welcome.

10th February - Welsh Bird of Prey performance

Last day of half term

13th to 17th February - Half term

20th February - school reopens

22nd February - Year 4 class assembly 9.15 am in the school hall - all families and friends welcome.

Meet the Teacher pm

27th February - Mini - Church (N & R)

28th February - Shrove Tuesday

Yours sincerely,



Miss E. Murtagh
Headteacher