

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 1st March 2017

World Book Day!

Dressing up day tomorrow for everyone!

Which famous book characters will you be able to spot?

Please bring the book to school with your character in.

Your child can use their £1.00 World Book day voucher which was sent home with your child last week in any book store and against any purchase from the latest Scholastic catalogue.

Attendance

Congratulations to Reception class and Year 4 who had 100% attendance in the week before half term. They get to have "Cuddles" the bear in class with them all week. Y4 & R - 100%, Y6 - 98.8%, Y2 - 98.5%, Y3 - 98%, Y5 - 97.7%, N - AM - 94.5%, N - PM - 74%.

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.

Following the half term break, we are now in 2nd place on the TT Rockstars leader board compared to other local primary and high schools.

The two classes who were the highest after half term were 5 and 6. As a special reward for their efforts had an afternoon of Zorb football yesterday. We have posted information on our twitter @stoswaldscep

We will continue to monitor the leader board and report to the children on their progress.

Easter Bonnets

As we do each year we will be holding an Easter Bonnet competition on. This year it will take place on Friday 31st March. There will be a first and second prize for each class and a participation prize for every child who enters. We do hope you enjoy making the bonnets with your children at home - please do not go to great expense buying a bonnet as the commercial bonnets rarely win the competition! Have fun making your bonnets!

Coffee Morning with Feel Good Factory

Come along to our coffee morning and a bacon butty on 7th March from 9.00AM in the Family Room. All welcome, please drop in for a chat or advice on stress, debt, weight loss, healthy eating.

Our New Website

Our website is now live again. There will also be an app available for parents and more information will follow soon. www.stoswaldsnetherton.com

Children's University Science Week

To celebrate British Science Week 2017, Children's University is offering CU Students FREE science week events across Sefton and West Lancashire.

On Saturday 18th March, students can enjoy '**Marvellous Medicine - a look at medicine during the war**' a hands-on experience that will bring history to life in a unique way (pre-booking required).

Along with this event, on Friday 24th March, Edge Hill University are also holding a fantastic, interactive Science festival '**Science under the Stars - Our Fragile Earth**' where students will have the chance to look at the discoveries scientists in space have made about the earth and the dangers it faces.

Barnardos Wear A Hat to School Day 20th February

Thank you to those of you who took part on 20th February a total amount of £86.05 was raised for Barnardos.

Parent Governor Vacancy

A Parent Governor vacancy has arisen due to the end of the 4 year term for a current Parent Governor.

Governors hold an important role in the development of the school and are legally accountable for its safeguarding measures and standards. It is an opportunity for parents to be actively involved in the strategic management of the school.

If you know a parent who would like this role, has the skills and time to commit to meetings and training for the role, please can you complete a nomination form and return to school by 3.15PM on 15th March. If there is more than one nomination an election will need to be held.

Sainsbury's Vouchers

If anyone shops at Sainsbury's, we will be collecting vouchers for Active Kids for schools until 30.6.17. All donations will be gratefully received.

Asda Green Token collection

We have been lucky enough to have been granted a green token collection box at Asda Bootle from April until June. We will be collecting tokens for this, so if you shop at Asda, please bring your tokens into school now and we can start collecting in advance. Once the box is open we will let you know when it is live in store.

Class Assemblies

Year 3 assembly is on 8th March 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.

March 2017

2nd March - World Book day - all to dress up as your favourite book character.

8th March - Year 3 class assembly

15th March - Year 2 class assembly

22nd March - Class 1 assembly

27th March - Last week for after school clubs

29th March - Reception Class assembly (am) & Experience Easter (pm year 1 & year 3)

30th March - Experience Easter - all day (years 6, 4, 5 & 2)

31st March - Last day - End of term/communion (am) Finish at 2.00pm. Please note that Year 3 will still be swimming, and will return to school at approx. 2.20 - 2.30pm.

Yours sincerely,



Miss E. Murtagh
Headteacher