

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017

### **Attendance**

Congratulations to Year 5 who had 98.5% attendance last week. They get to have "Cuddles" the bear in upstairs in class all week. Y4 - 98.7%, Y5 - 98.1%, Y1 - 97.3%, Y2 - 96.1%, Y6 - 95.8%, R - 93.3% ,Y3 - 89%, N - AM - 88.2%, N - PM - 85%.

### **Ofsted**

Following our inspection on 15<sup>th</sup> March Ofsted have provided us with a letter regarding their findings. They have reported that we remain a good school. Thank you to all of you who replied to the parentview survey and those who continue to support us with educating your children. The letter is available to view on the school website. Should you require a paper copy, please contact Mrs Erskine.

### **End of Term Service Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 9.45am**

As we always do at the end of each term, we will be holding a special End of Term service - this service will be our Easter service. We will all be going to St. Oswald's Church for a 9.45am start.

I do hope you will be able to join us, following the service we will drawing the PFA raffle ticket for the Easter hamper first prize!

Tickets are still available and there is not long left to buy your raffle tickets! Please see Mrs McNally in the school office if you would like more books of tickets.

### **Class Assemblies**

Reception class assembly was held today .Thank you all for your fantastic support in joining us for our class assemblies. Year 6 will be holding their own special leavers service before they leave in July.

### **Easter Bonnets**

Our Easter Bonnet competition takes place this Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> 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!

### **Parent Governor Election Ballot Result**

Thank you to all parents that returned voting slips for the Parent Governor election, the ballot closed at 9.00am today.

I would like to confirm that Mr Booker has been re-elected as Parent Governor for the term of 4 years.

### **Easter Activities**

Sefton's Children's University are offering a host of Easter activities which the children can gain credits for using their Children's University passports. Please see the details on the parent notice board and on <http://www.stoswaldsnetherton.com/page/school-clubs/30640>.

## Swimming

Year 2 will continue as normal after the Easter holiday.

Year 3 will be swimming as usual this Friday - please note the class will return to school after the other classes finish at 2.00pm - Year 3 normally return between 2.30 / 2.35pm. We will happily look after siblings of that class until that time.

Year 5 - the last swimming session was today.

Year 6 - will be swimming each Wednesday afternoon after the holiday. Starting 19.04.17, for the next term.

All children require a swimming cap. Girls need a one piece suit, boys need lycra trunks, not shorts. Caps are available to buy from the school office, priced at £1.90 each.

## 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 do shop at Asda, remember to ask for the tokens at the till. They don't always give them out when you pay!! Please bring any green 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.

## IXL

The new online programme has already received good reviews from both the children and parents.

We had been asked if we could run workshops for parents in SPAG and Maths, however there was not enough numbers interested to make this viable.

As a compromise this new programme also helps parents with an explanation of how to do either the calculation or what the grammatical phrase means. This is clearly shown before you do any of the work. We thought this would help as I know we teach very differently today as to how we were all taught at schools ourselves and it can be difficult to help with your child's homework etc.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

## March 2017

27<sup>th</sup> March - Last week for after school clubs

29<sup>th</sup> March - Reception Class assembly 9.15am - school hall

Experience Easter (pm year 1 & year 3)

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

31<sup>st</sup> March - Last day - End of term Easter service at 9.15am in Church. All welcome to join us.

Finish at 2.00pm. Please note that Year 3 will still be swimming, and will return to school at approx 2.30pm.

**Easter Holidays - 31<sup>st</sup> March - 18<sup>th</sup> April**

## April 2017

18<sup>th</sup> April - School opens at normal time.

Breakfast club and RM Maths continue as normal. Year 2 swimming as normal.

19<sup>th</sup> April - **Year 6 start swimming.**

21<sup>st</sup> April - Year 3 swimming as normal.

Remember we finish at 2pm this Friday and return usual time on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April. Have a fantastic Easter holiday everyone.

Yours sincerely,



Miss E. Murtagh  
Headteacher