

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023

### **Attendance**

#### **Regular attendance at school is significant to a child's educational development and progress.**

When a child's attendance falls to 90% or below it is classed as persistent absence by Sefton Council. We hope that by working together, their attendance will improve and they will achieve their full potential in school. The Government are also monitoring poor attendance and have worked with the NHS to produce this document: [Is my child too ill for school?](#) Please follow the link for details – this is also accessible on our school website. The school's policy for attendance is available on the school website.

We reward good attendance each week and are aiming for at least 96%. Our **Y3 98.6%** class had the highest attendance for last week with 100%. Other classes attendance was follows: **Y5 - 97.3%, R - 95.4%, N - 94%, Y2 - 93.8%, Y1 - 92.1%, Y4 - 91.5%, Y6 - 90.4%**.

The classes in **green** are above our target of **96%** and those in **red** are below, some significantly below. We will be targeting those with poor attendance.

*Parents can notify school of their child's absence through the School Spider App. You will need to log into School Spider to do this, if you need help logging in, please let school know.*

### **Art**

We are promoting are promoting different forms of art and the various styles and mediums it is formed. To start us off we are hosting our first photography competition

Theme: 'Nature is all around us'. Date for submission this Friday 29th September 2023.

### **Harvest Festival 01.10.23**

We are delighted to be able to have our Harvest Festival celebration this year at **church** this **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 10.00AM**. All families are welcome, we do hope that as many children as possible can attend, in school uniform.

Each class have prepared a piece for the service and the children need to be there to present it during the service. All **food donations** will be gratefully received and will be donated to the food bank at St. Oswald's church.

### **After School Clubs**

Children are still not turning up to clubs – if they do not attend they will not be offered places in future as they are taking up places that are wanted by others.

The only clubs with spaces left are:

Monday	Creative Writing	Year 5 and Year 6
Tuesday	Study Support	KS2
	Forest Fun	Year 1 and Year 6
Wednesday	KS1 Yoga	Year 1 and Year 2 (315pm start)
	Choir	KS2
Thursday	Music Stars	Year 1 and Year 2
	Spanish	Year 5 and Year 6

If you would like to book a place please let the school office know by this Friday at the latest. Thank you.

### **Mentor Lunch Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October**

We will be having a mentor lunch on 5<sup>th</sup> October. This is so that all children can get together and meet their mentor group so that they have friends in other year groups and we can get

together as a school family. Envelopes were sent home with your child last Wednesday for Years 3 – 6, an envelope is being sent home with Year 3 – 6 today. Please note that there is no facility for packed lunch on this day.

### **PFA**

After cancelling the summer fair due to lack of parent support we are trying again with PFA support this year. Any support whatsoever will be greatly appreciated. Mrs McNally will be holding a meeting on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 9.00am in the family room. All are welcome, refreshments will be served.

### **Space Day Menu Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October**

We are having a special menu on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October. If your child normally stays for packed lunch and you would like your child to join in an envelope is being sent home with Year 3 – 6 today. The menu will be as follows:

Rocket man sausage in a finger bun  
Beef stew & floating planet dumplings  
Golden star sweetcorn, Space Rocks sautéed potatoes  
Rocky Mooncape Biscuits

### **Maghull High School Open Morning**

Maghull High have an open morning on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October from 10:00 till 12:00, which will offer a chance to look round school for year 6 when it's a little quieter.

### **Reception Admissions September 2024**

Please see the attached flier for further information if your child is due to start school next September. A supplementary information form is also needed to be completed and will be sent home to Nursery children today.

### **Dates for Next Year**

For school term dates and upcoming events please see the school calendar on our [website](#).

### **September**

29<sup>th</sup> – TT Rockstars competition for KS2

### **October**

1<sup>st</sup> – Harvest Festival in Church (all welcome)

2<sup>nd</sup> – 6 A-side Year 6 football competition at Goals.

5<sup>th</sup> – Peer Mentor training – Year 6  
Mentor Lunch for whole school

10<sup>th</sup> - 6 A-side Year 5 football competition at Goals

11<sup>th</sup> Space Day Menu

12<sup>th</sup> - KS2 Footgolf football competition at Goals & Year 3 to Jewish exhibition

13<sup>th</sup> - 5 A-side Year3/4 football competition at Goals

16<sup>th</sup> – Stay N'Play – Nursery & Reception workshop for Parents

17<sup>th</sup> – Art Afternoon – whole school & 5 A-side Year 4 football competition at Goals

20<sup>th</sup> – Individual photographs for all pupils & KS2 TT Rock stars Competition

### **Last day for this half term**

30<sup>th</sup>- 1<sup>st</sup> day back for next half term

### **Christian Values**

This month's Christian Value is **Generosity**. Giving Cheerfully.

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." **Corinthians 9:7**



### **Article 13**

Every child has the right to meet with other children and to join groups and organisations, as long as this does not stop other people from enjoying their rights.



### **A Prayer for our School**

*This is our school,  
Let peace dwell here,  
let peace begin with me.  
Let the room be full of contentment  
Let love abide here  
Love of human kind, love of life itself  
And love of God  
Let us remember that as many hands  
build a house,  
Many hearts build a school.  
Amen*

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E Murtagh'.

Miss E Murtagh  
Headteacher