Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 7th February 2024

Attendance

Regular attendance at school is significant to a child's educational development and progress. There is now a bigger <u>Government drive to improve attendance</u>.

When a child's attendance falls to 90% or below it is classed as persistent absence. We hope that by working together, attendance will improve and children will achieve fully in school. The school's policy for attendance is available on the school <u>website</u>.

We reward good attendance each week and are aiming for at least 96% attendance. Year 2 had the highest attendance for last week with 98.5% attendance, congratulations! Other classes attendance was follows: R - 96.9%, Y5 & Y4 - 96.7%, Y6 & Y1 - 93.8%, N - 89.1%, Y3 - 84.7%.

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.

If you are unable to call school, e.g no credit on your phone, please use School Spider * to report the absence or click <u>here</u> to send an email to let us know. You will need to log into School Spider to do this, if you need help logging in, please let school know.

Be in to win!

The scheme is a huge success and we would like to thank all parents for their support. Thank you to all children and families for your continued efforts in our "Be in to win", January's results are below.

We will be running the scheme again in March – if children are in all of March they will get a cream egg.

Date	Attendance 2022/23 (last year)	Attendance 2023/2024 (this year)	Improvement
November	87 pupils	142 pupils	+ 55 pupils
December	90 pupils	126 pupils	+ 36 pupils
Autumn Term	30 pupils	58 pupils	+28
	91.7%	93.6%	& 1.9%
January	91 pupils	126	+ 35 pupils

Easter Bonnet Competition

Easter bonnet competition will take place on 28th March. There will be a first and second prize for each class.

Volunteers to Drive our Minibus

We are looking for volunteers to drive our minibus on school trips/visits. All drivers must have passed their driving licence before 01.01.97. If you are able to help, <u>please contact Mrs</u> <u>Erskine</u>.

Birthday Cake Orders

If you would like to order a birthday cake for your child to share with the rest of the class we can provide this at a cost of $\pounds 2.50$. We need at least one week notice for a birthday cake. Can you please make sure that you order a week ahead to avoid disappointment.

Children's University Holiday Challenge

Please find attached the Children's University holiday challenge. As always, children can choose whatever challenges they want to complete. Please email evidence to Laura.Ashcroft@elevate-ebp.co.uk

<u>Swimming</u>

Year 4 swimming finished today. All children in Year 5 will start swimming on Wednesday 21st February and return to school at 3.40PM. Swimming kit information can be found on our <u>website</u>.

Girls football

Please see attached flier regarding a FREE Funcats Girls' Football Session which is due to take place during the February Half Term. It is being run by Liverpool County FA.

Dates for Next Year

For school term dates and upcoming events please see the school calendar on our <u>website</u>. **February**

9 th	Pre-loved uniform sale in family room – all welcome. Last day for this half term	
	- finish normal time at 3.15pm, after school clubs running till 4.15pm	
Half Term	Break	
19 th	All back to school usual time	
	11.15am – Mini church for all EYFS families at church – all welcome	
21 st	10am – Communion for Years 1 -6 all families welcome. Year 5 swimming	
	(pm)	
23 rd	TT Rockstars competition for KS2	
28 th	Year 5 swimming (pm)	
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Christian Values

This month's Christian Value is **Courage** "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9



Article 19

Governments must do all they can to ensure that children are protected from all forms of violence, abuse, neglect and bad treatment by their parents or anyone who looks after them.



<u>A Prayer for our School</u> 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,

Miss E Murtagh Headteacher