

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 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 Y2 class had the highest attendance for last week with 99.2%. Other classes attendance was follows: R - 98.6%, Y1 - 96.9%, N - 96.2%, Y6 - 96.1%, Y5 - 93.7%, Y3 - 91%, Y4 - 88.1%.

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.*

### **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 was sent home to Nursery children last Wednesday.

### **Mentor Lunch**

We are holding our first mentor lunch of the year tomorrow to welcome all our pupils new to school. This is a great way to ensure our children who have joined us in different year groups and our new Reception children get to know different staff and pupils in other years groups – so there is always a friendly face for everyone and we all know we are part of a big St. Oswald's family.

### **Art**

Thank you to all of those who completed the art challenge. Photographs are in – deadline was Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September winners will be announced shortly.

### **Harvest Festival 01.10.23**

Thank you to the families and children that attended the service on Sunday. All **food donations** were gratefully received and will be donated to the food bank at St. Oswald's church.

### **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 this Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 9.00am in the family room. All are welcome, refreshments will be served.

### **Summer Reading Challenge**

Netherton Library have confirmed that we were the runners up this year. Well done to all those who have completed the challenge – we are very proud you, our St. Oswald's children. An assembly will be held this Friday where those children who achieved the challenge will be presented their certificates.

## Payments to School

Can all parents please ensure that all payments that are sent into school are sent into school in a clearly labelled envelope.

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

We are having a special menu next 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 was sent home with them last week. (Year 3 – 6) 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 Moonscape Biscuits

## Dates for Next Year

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

## October

5<sup>th</sup> – Mentor lunch

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

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**. Caring for Creation.

*“Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they?”* **Matthew 6:26**



## 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,

Miss E Murtagh  
Headteacher

