

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 18th 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 Reception class had the highest attendance again for last week with 100% attendance – well done Reception this is a fantastic achievement! Other classes attendance was follows:

Y5 - 96.3%, Y2 - 95.4%, Y4 - 95.22%, Y3 - 94.5%, Y6 - 93.36%, Y1 - 91.7%, N - 81%.

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.

Shoe Box Appeal

Leaflets were sent home with your child last Wednesday for the Shoe Box Appeal, filled shoe boxes will need to be **returned to school by 10th November**. The shoe boxes this year will bring Christmas hope and joy to children in many countries. Thank you for your support.

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.

Children's University Half Term Challenge

Attached to the newsletter is the half term challenge. Your child can collect extra Children's University credits during the October holiday by completing this challenge. Each activity is worth 1 credit (unless otherwise stated) when you take evidence of your activity to your teacher or send it to your local Children's University. Send it to seftonCU@elevate-ebp.co.uk

Children's University Passports

Unfortunately, Children's University have raised the price of Pupil Passports to £3.95, this will come into effect once our current stock has been depleted.

Free School Meals Vouchers over Half Term Holiday

Vouchers for the holiday will be issued in the normal manner to eligible families on Monday 23.10.23.

Dates for Next Year

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

October

20th – Individual photographs for all pupils & KS2 TT Rock stars Competition

Last day for this half term

30th – School re-opens

31st – Year 5 visit to Tatton Park

November

- 1st – Year 4 swimming.
- 6th – 11.15am - Mini – church for Nursery & Reception.
- 7th – Year 4 to Bootle Strand.
- 8th – 10am - Communion – whole school at church. Pm Year 4 swimming.
- 10th – Return Operation Christmas Child.
- 13th – Anti – Bullying week for whole school.
- 15th – Meet the Teacher 2.00pm onwards. PM Year 4 swimming.
- 17th – Children in Need Day – whole school to wear spots (none uniform).
- 20th – Enterprise Week
- 22nd – Year 4 swimming
- 24th – TT Rockstars KS2 competition
- 29th – Year 4 swimming

Christian Values

This month's Christian Value is **Generosity**. Giving as God Gives

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." **Luke 6:38**



Article 27

Every child has the right to a standard of living that is good enough to meet their physical, social and mental needs.



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*

Thank you for all your support this half term, have a great half term holiday and we will see you in a week's time.

See these websites for free half term holiday activities:

<https://raring2go.co.uk/2022/05/a-z-of-free-family-days-out-across-the-north-west/>

<https://northwestforkids.co.uk/october-half-term-activities-north-west/>

Yours sincerely,

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

Miss E Murtagh
Headteacher