

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 1st November 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 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, three weeks on the trot with full attendance! Other classes attendance was follows: **Y3 - 97.9%, Y5 - 96.7%, Y2 - 95.4%, Y4 - 90.7%, Y1 - 89%, Y6 - 86.5%, N - 71.8%**. Half term 06/09/23 - 20/10/23 winner – Reception.

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.

Be in to win!

Every child who is in school for the whole of November will receive an advent calendar. They **MUST** be in school every day for both morning and afternoon sessions to win the advent calendar – not off with a valid reason but in every day. We will see if we can get as many children as possible to attend school every day this month. If your child has an appointment they must come to school prior to present and get their mark and straight after.

Photograph Proofs

Photograph proofs were sent home yesterday. If you would like to place an order, please return your order to school by **3.15PM on 15.11.23**.

Children's University Half Term Challenge

Did your child complete the half term 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. If you would like to purchase one please come to the school office.

Sewing Sessions

A fantastic opportunity has become available for a 6-week course in how to recycle and repair clothing and also for an additional after school club for children who would like to learn crafts and sewing – please see attached fliers.

PFA Meeting

As you know the Parent and Friends Association has done a lot to raise funds that pay for the extras the children have. We recently asked for Parents and Friends to join the association in order that we could once again hold a Christmas Fair. We are holding the next **PFA meeting on 02/11/23 at 9am**. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Parent Sleep Deprivation Workshop 08.11.23

The Mental Health Support Team are visiting school to run a workshop on sleep. If your child is suffering from sleep deprivation, they struggle to settle at night or wake multiple times throughout the night, then this will be a helpful workshop to attend. There is no need to book, the workshop starts at 9.00am.

Shoe Box Appeal

Leaflets were sent home with your child last half term and you may have attended the event held at Emmanuel Baptist Church on 28.10.23 for the Shoe Box Express. Filled shoe boxes will need to be **returned to school by 10th November**. Thank you for your support.

Book Club orders

Please return any book club orders to school by Friday 03.11.23.

Meet the Teacher 15.11.23

We will be holding our first parent/teacher meetings of this year on Wednesday 15th November to book an appointment time please use the School Spider App and go to *Parents Evenings*. Bookings close on 10.11.23 at 3.15PM. If you don't book a time, a booking will be allocated for you. If you cannot make this date please contact your class teacher to rearrange for another date/time. Thank you.

Christmas Performance Tickets

Christmas performance tickets can now be booked online through our School Spider app. Please go to *Surveys and Forms* and fill in your choice of performance. Tickets are £1.00 each, once you have chosen your date and booked your tickets, please return your payment to school, tickets will then be sent home to you with your child. Please note that if payment is not received your booking request will not be confirmed. There will be two afternoon performances and one morning performance. The performances are as follows:

Tuesday 12th December at 1.30PM

Wednesday 13th December at 09.30AM

Thursday 14th December at 1.30PM

Please note that we do not provide a crèche facility. It is unfair to the children performing to allow any babies or young children into the performance as it can be very distracting. Please make arrangements for them to be looked after as they will not be allowed into the performance.

Children in Need

We will be supporting Children In Need by wearing spots as usual on Friday 17th November and collecting donations as always, with a suggested donation of £1, however, for spotty day you can now donate online and the Children in Need donations page has now been published for our school.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=12191>

Dates for Next Year

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

November

6th – 11.15am - Mini church for Nursery & Reception

7th – Year 4 to Bootle Strand

8th – 09.30am Parent Workshop in the family room
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

December

5th – Y4/5 team to Multi Skills.

8th – National Santa Dash day – whole school doing Santa dash.

11th – Dress Rehearsal for Christmas plays.

12th – 1st Performance 1.30pm

13th – 2nd Performance 9.30am. Christmas fair after school – all invited.

14th – Carol singing 10am. 2nd Performance 1.30pm

15th – Making Day for whole school.

10. 30am & 2.15 pm – Nursery Stay N' Play. 2.15pm Reception Stay N' Play.

19th – Christmas dinner day

20th - Christmas Party Day – all to wear party clothes (none uniform). 9.15am – Puppet Show. Mentor Lunch and Games afternoon.

21st – Starry Night - Nativity play for whole school.

22nd – 9.15am – End of term service.

TT Rockstars competition for KS2.

Finish at 2.00pm.

Christian Values

This month's Christian Value is **Compassion**

“The LORD is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.” **Psalms 116:5**



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*

Yours sincerely,

Miss E Murtagh
Headteacher