

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> 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. 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 website. We reward good attendance each week and are aiming for at least 96%. Our **Year 3** class had the highest attendance with **95.5%** Other classes attendance was follows: **Y6 & Y2 - 95.4%, R - 95%, Y4 - 94.8%, Y5 - 92.3%, Y1 - 91.4%, N - 86%.**

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.

*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.

### **Shoe Box Appeal**

Please return shoe boxes to school by this **Friday, 10th November**. Thank you for your support.

### **Photograph Proofs**

If you would like to place an order, please return your order to school by **3.15PM on 15<sup>th</sup> November 23**.

### **Meet the Teacher 15.11.23**

We will be holding our first parent/teacher meetings of this year on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **After School Club Yoga**

We have places available in our Yoga after school club on a Tuesday for Reception class children. The club runs from 3.15PM to 4.15PM. If you are interested in your child attending, please send an **email**. The club will run each Tuesday until 12.12.23.

### **Children in Need**

We will be supporting Children In Need by wearing spots as usual on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 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>

### **PFA Christmas Raffle**

Tickets are being sent home with the children today. If you would like any extra books of tickers, please contact the school office by [email](#) or call into the school office.

### **Christmas Performance Tickets**

Christmas performance tickets can now be booked 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 12<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30PM

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 09.30AM

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 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. For the same reasons anyone arriving after the performance has begun will also be refused entry.*

### **Cashless Payments**

Many schools have now gone cashless for payments or do a mixture of both. We have looked into this. Unfortunately, there would be an additional cost to parents who use this system. As such we are asking for your responses as to whether this is something you would like and if it would be cost effective for parents to foot the additional cost. Schools are not given the funding to provide this service. Please complete the questionnaire on School Spider.

### **Dates for Next Year**

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

#### **November**

10<sup>th</sup> – Deadline to return Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to school

13<sup>th</sup> – Anti – Bullying week for whole school

15<sup>th</sup> – Meet the Teacher 2.00pm onwards. PM Year 4 swimming

17<sup>th</sup> – Children in Need Day – whole school to wear spots (none uniform)

20<sup>th</sup> – Enterprise Week

22<sup>nd</sup> – Year 4 swimming

24<sup>th</sup> – TT Rockstars KS2 competition

29<sup>th</sup> – Year 4 swimming

#### **December**

5<sup>th</sup> – Y4/5 team to Multi Skills

8<sup>th</sup> – National Santa Dash day – whole school doing Santa dash

11<sup>th</sup> – Dress Rehearsal for Christmas plays

12<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Performance 1.30pm

13<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Performance 9.30am. Christmas fair after school – all invited

14<sup>th</sup> – Carol singing 10am. 2<sup>nd</sup> Performance 1.30pm

15<sup>th</sup> – Making Day for whole school

10.30am & 2.15pm – Nursery Stay N' Play. 2.15pm Reception Stay N' Play

19<sup>th</sup> – Christmas dinner day

20<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Party Day – all to wear party clothes (none uniform)

9.15am – Puppet Show. Mentor Lunch and Games afternoon

21<sup>st</sup> – Starry Night - Nativity play for whole school

22<sup>nd</sup> – 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