

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 22nd 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 5 class had the highest attendance with 98.7%. Other classes attendance was follows:

R - 98.6%, Y3 - 98%, Y4 - 97.8%, Y2 - 97.7%, Y6 - 95%, N - 92.5%, Y1 - 90.7%.

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.

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.

If you are unable to call school, e.g no credit on your phone, please use School Spider.

Increase in Breakfast Club Charges

I am very sad to inform all those families who use our breakfast club that we will have to increase charges per day. Our costs have increased and we have not raised charges since 2016.

Unfortunately, last year we ran the club at a loss of over £6000 and we cannot afford to sustain this loss any longer, as will start to affect people's jobs.

The increase will take affect from the first day back in January 2024, the cost will increase by £1 per day.

Now for a single child the cost is £2.50 a day – this will increase to £3.50 per day.

For two children or more the cost will increase from £4.50 a day to £6.00.

If we continue to run at such a great loss we will have to stop breakfast club altogether. I know how much some parents rely on this service but we simply cannot afford to take such a loss.

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.

PFA

Thanks go to those who have volunteered to help with the fair, Mrs McNally is still welcoming parents to join. There will be a meeting on the 29th November and 4th December at 2.30pm. There will be refreshments and all are welcome – any offer of help no matter how small will be gratefully received.

PFA Christmas Fair

We are holding our Christmas Fair on 13/12/23 at 3.00pm in the school hall.

Collection of your children on the day

KS2 children will come straight to the hall from their classrooms at 3pm and you can meet your child there.

KS1 children will need to be collected from their classrooms as usual at 3pm and then you can join the fair through the hall doors.

PFA Christmas raffle tickets were sent home with your child a few weeks ago. If you would like additional tickets, please contact school by [email](#).

School Nurse Attend Anywhere Sessions

Your School Health Team will be holding a parent online drop-in session via Attend Anywhere on as follows:
Monday 27th November 9am – 11:30am. More information on how to do this can be found on the sheet attached.

Courageous Advocacy/ Making Positive Change

Our vision leaders are looking to support St. Oswald's foodbank by taking part in the Reverse Advent Calendar event.

They are going to provide each class with a box for food donations and on Thursday 21st December they aim to deliver 8 hampers to the foodbank with all the generous donations sent in. The leaders will be visiting the classes this week to explain how they can take part. Every child taking part will pick a number (see the advent calendar below) and on that day can bring in a tin/packet to donate. In return they will receive a raffle ticket. On the 21st December a ticket will be selected and the person will win a treat for their class.

South Sefton foodbank **Reverse ADVENT CALENDAR**

Please, bring your donations to
St. Leonard's Youth & Community Centre, 60 Peel Road, L20 4RW
or Waterloo Town Hall, 26 Great Georges Road, L22 1RD
by 4th December 2020

1 TINNED VEGETABLES						
2 TINNED POTATOES	3 TINNED TOMATOES	4 TINNED FRUIT	5 INSTANT MASH	6 INSTANT NOODLES	7 INSTANT COFFEE	8 TINNED RICE PUDDING
9 TINNED TUNA	10 BISCUITS	11 LONG LIFE JUICE	12 TINNED RICE PUDDING	13 INSTANT MASH	14 FESTIVE BISCUITS	15 CHOCOLATE ADVENT CALENDAR
16 TINNED SALMON	17 JAM	18 TINNED HAM	19 SELECTION BOX	20 TINNED POTATOES	21 TOILET PAPER	22 TINNED FRUIT
23 TINNED MEAT	24 TINNED RICE PUDDING	25 TINNED TOMATOES	26 INSTANT NOODLES	27 JAM	28 TOILETRIES	29 INSTANT COFFEE
30 CRACKERS	How it works: 1. Grab a box and a marker 2. Each day place the specified item in the box		3. Tick it off on your Reverse Advent Calendar 4. Once you are done, bring the box to the foodbank		Why do it in November? It takes time to get the donations processed, if you were to donate in late December, they would only reach our Clients in the New Year.	

Meal Vouchers for Christmas Holidays

Families who are entitled to the vouchers will have the vouchers distributed on 22nd December 2023.

Children in Need

Last week we supported Children In Need by wearing spots, we raised £150.50. Thank you for your support.

Bootle Strand Grotto

Bootle Strand Grotto takes place from 08.12.23 to 23.12.23 and tickets can be bought at www.ticketquarter.co.uk
Prices vary from £6 to £9.

Sustainable Christmas Market

A Sustainable Christmas Market takes place at Gillmoss Recycling Discovery Centre this Saturday 25th November from 10.00am -2.00pm with activities for all ages and even a visit from Santa. Families will be able to come and view the recycling facility for free and find out how they can celebrate sustainably this year all while doing a bit of Christmas shopping from local stall holders. (Please click on the QR code below)



Southport Eco Centre

The Southport Eco Centre are running their yearly Christmas waste panto advert competition, please see the flyer attached.

The deadline for the competition is 14th December and all students who complete it will earn 3 Children's University credits. (The Eco centre will send the list of children who have completed it and Children's University will add the credits).

Dates for Next Year

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

November

- 24th – TT Rockstars KS2 competition
- 29th – Year 4 swimming

December

- 5th – Y4/5 team to Multi Skills
- 8th – MUFTI Day to raise funds for PFA
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 3.00pm 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 10

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.



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,

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

Miss E Murtagh
Headteacher