

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 17th January 2024

Attendance

Regular attendance at school is significant to a child's educational development and progress. There is now a bigger [Government drive to improve attendance](#).

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% attendance. There was a tie break between our Year 2 class and Reception with the highest attendance for last week with 99.6% attendance! Other classes attendance was follows: Y5 - 97.7%, Y3 - 96.7%, Y4 - 94.8%, N - 94.2%, Y1 - 92.1%, Y6 - 86.53%.

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 * to report the absence or click [here](#) to send an email to let us know. *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!

Same rules apply: **Every child** who is **in school** for the **whole of January** will receive an **extra playtime on 31st January**. They **MUST** be in school every day for both morning and afternoon sessions to win the extra playtime – 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 again every day this month. If your child has an appointment they must come to school prior to the appointment to present themselves at school and get their mark and following the appointment return to school straight after. The scheme is a huge success:

Date	Attendance 2022/23 (last year)	Attendance 2023/2024 (this year)	Improvement
November	87 pupils	142 pupils	+ 55 pupils
December	90 pupils	126 pupils	+ 36 pupils
Autumn Term	91.7%	93.6%	& 1.9%

Mentor Lunch 18.01.24

We are holding our first mentor lunch of 2024 tomorrow, 18.01.24. Envelopes were sent home for children in Year 3 to Year 6 last week. Please note that there is no facility for packed lunches on this day.

PFA Meeting

There will be a meeting on Friday 26th January at 2.30pm – 3.25pm. Mrs McNally will be welcoming all who are interested in offering any support at all – no matter how big or small. Refreshments will be provided.

Volunteers to Drive our Minibus

We are looking for volunteers to drive our minibus on school trips / visits. If you would like to help, [please contact Mrs Erskine](#).

Sefton Library

Please see attached information for the forthcoming events for half term that are being ran at the NAC library.

After School Club Availability

We still have places available for the following clubs, if you would like your child to attend, please send an email by clicking on this [link](#). If clubs are not wanted we will not be running them next term as it is a waste of staff time and valuable funds. Thank you.

Tuesday Study Support
Forest Fun Y2 & 4

Rimrose Hope South Sefton Air Quality

Rimrose Valley Friends charity, is working on to highlight the dangerously poor air quality in our part of the borough. Funding has been secured for this from Community Foundation for Merseyside's "Breathe Better Air" fund, which you can read more about [here](#). You may be aware, the school run is a flashpoint for traffic and pollution each morning and afternoon. Please see the attached leaflet detailing the issues and what we can do about it, as individuals.

Local Panto

Please see attached flyer for a local panto taking place in Crosby.

Dates for Next Year

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

January

19th Year 2 to Jodrell Bank – **wrap up warm!**
23rd Year 5 & 6 gymnastics every Tuesday – all children need their PE kits in school
26th TT Rockstars competition for KS2

Christian Values

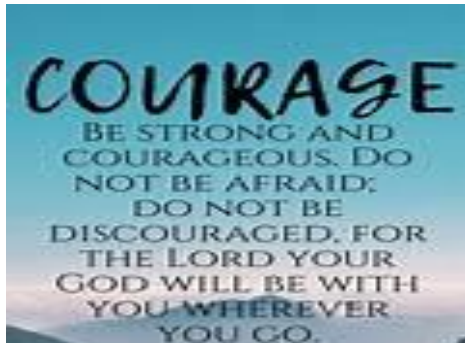
This month's Christian Value is **Courage**

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9



Article 27

If a child is a refugee or seeking asylum, Governments must make sure that they have the same rights as any other child. Governments must help in trying to reunite children with their parents.



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