

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 24th 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. Reception class had the highest attendance for last week with 99.3% attendance! Other classes attendance was follows: Y2 - 97.3%, Y4 - 96.3%, Y5 - 92.3%, Y1 - 92.1%, Y3 - 89%, Y6 - 88.4%, N - 87.7%.

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.

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 and we would like to thank all parents for their support. So far Reception class are the star attenders and have consistently been the highest attending class – well done Reception class.

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%

Dogs on Playground

No dogs are permitted on the playground, please do not bring dogs to school, this includes in your arms, we have some children who are allergic and some who are terrified and have been bitten before – the rules are there for a reason, not to upset people.

PFA Meeting

There will be a meeting this 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. All drivers must have passed a Sefton test and have either a mini bus driving certificate or have their driving license before .01.01.97 If you are able to help, [please contact Mrs Erskine](#).

The Big Garden Bird Watch – Please see attached

Dates for Next Year

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

January

26th TT Rockstars competition for KS2
31st Year 4 swimming (pm)

February

2nd TT RockStars National competition
6th Year 5 to Jodrell Bank
7th 10.30am Stay N'Play– Nursery & Year 4 swimming (pm) 2.15pm Stay N'Play– Nursery & Reception
9th Pre-loved uniform sale in hall – all welcome. Last day for this half term – finish normal time at 3.15pm, after school clubs running till 4.15pm

Half Term Break

19th All back to school usual time.
11.15am – Mini church for all EYFS families at church – all welcome.
21st 10am – Communion for Years 1 -6 all families welcome. **Year 5** swimming (pm)
23rd TT Rockstars competition for KS2
28th **Year 5** swimming (pm)

Christian Values

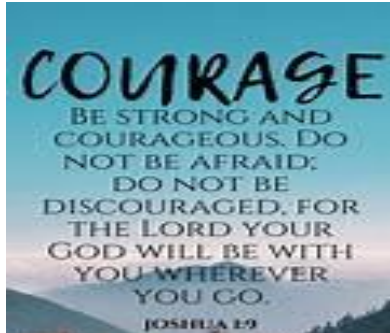
This month's Christian Value is **Courage**

"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 29

Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures and the environment.



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