

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 31st 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. **Year 2** had the highest attendance for last week with **98.1%** attendance! Other classes attendance was follows: **Y5 - 97.3%**, **R - 96.1%**, **Y4 & Y3 - 95.2%**, **Y1 - 94.1%**, **Y6 - 93.5%**, **N - 88.2%**.

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!

The scheme is a huge success and we would like to thank all parents for their support. Thank you to all children and families for your continued efforts in our "Be in to win", January's results are below.

| 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 | 30 pupils | 58 pupils | +28 |
| | 91.7% | 93.6% | & 1.9% |
| January | 91 pupils | 126 pupils | + 25 pupils |

Volunteers to Drive our Minibus

We are looking for volunteers to drive our minibus on school trips/visits. All drivers must have passed their driving licence before 01.01.97. If you are able to help, [please contact Mrs Erskine](#).

Free School Meal Vouchers

Families who are entitled to the vouchers will have the vouchers distributed on 12th February 2024.

Birthday Cake Orders

If you would like to order a birthday cake for your child to share with the rest of the class we can provide this at a cost of £2.50. We need at least one week notice for a birthday cake. Can you please make sure that you order a week ahead to avoid disappointment.

Parking

Unfortunately, we have had reports from parents, that some are parking on the zig zags or on the pavement next to the zig zags on Browns Lane near the school gates and school crossing. This is extremely dangerous and selfish. The zig zags are there to protect children crossing the road into school and the school crossing service place the Lollipop staff there for safety.

Mr Dalton the premises officer will now be on duty and will ask drivers to move if they are parking dangerously, we will also photograph the perpetrators and notify the police if this persists. This is for the safety of the children – if it means those selfish few have to walk an extra few feet then so be it.

Dates for Next Year

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

January

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 family room – 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

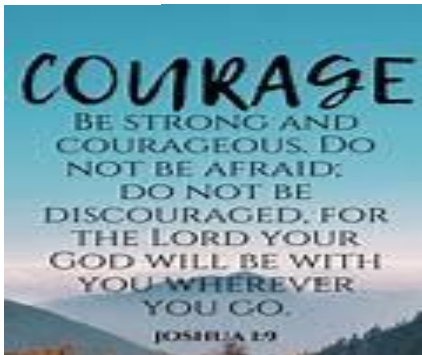
This month's Christian Value is **Courage**

"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,

Miss E Murtagh
Headteacher