

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 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 5** had the highest attendance for the week before half term - **97.7%** attendance, congratulations! Other classes attendance was follows: **Y2 - 95.3%, Y1 - 95.2%, R - 94.5%, Y4 - 94.2%, Y3 - 94%, N - 90.1%, Y6 - 89.2%**. The highest class attendance for last half term was Year 2.

Nursery and Reception – Can all parents please notify the school of absences using school spider as normal **NOT** the Class Dojo, Thank you.

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.

We will be running the scheme again in March – if children are in all of March they will get a cream egg.

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	+ 35 pupils

### **Easter Bonnet Competition**

Easter bonnet competition will take place on 28th March. There will be a first and second prize for each class.

### **World Book Day & Costumes**

Vouchers / Book Club order form being sent home today with the newsletter. Orders should be placed by 01.03.24.

We know providing costumes each year can be expensive so we are asking for any unwanted costumes that maybe children have grown out of or don't want anymore, to be brought into school. We will hold a pre-loved costume sale before World Book Day if we get enough costumes.

Please send your costumes in with your child or to the school office and we will put the sale on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 8.45am onwards in the school hall.

## Children's University Holiday Challenge

Did your child complete the Children's University holiday challenge. If so, as always, evidence should be emailed to [Laura.Ashcroft@elevate-ebp.co.uk](mailto:Laura.Ashcroft@elevate-ebp.co.uk)

## Swimming

Year 5 swimming started today and the class will continue to swim until the end of July, the class returns to school at 3.40PM. Swimming kit information can be found on our [website](#).

## Dates for Next Year 2024/25

For school term dates for the forthcoming academic year and upcoming events for this year, please see the school calendar on our [website](#).

## February

9<sup>th</sup> Pre-loved uniform sale in family room 8.45am – all welcome. Last day for this half term – finish normal time at 3.15pm, after school clubs running till 4.15pm

## Half Term Break

19<sup>th</sup> All back to school usual time

11.15am – Mini church for all EYFS families at church – all welcome

21<sup>st</sup> 10am – Communion for Years 1 -6 all families welcome. **Year 5** swimming (pm)

23<sup>rd</sup> TT Rockstars competition for KS2

28<sup>th</sup> **Year 5** swimming (pm)

## Christian Values

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



### Article 1

*Everyone under the age of 18 has the rights in the convention*



### 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