

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 28<sup>th</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 1** had the highest attendance for last week - **97.9%**, congratulations! Other classes attendance was follows: **Y6 - 95.7%**, **Y4 - 94.6%**, **Y5 - 93.3%**, **Y2 - 93.2%**, **R - 92.8%**, **Y3 - 90%**, **N - 86.5%**.

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.*

### **World Book Day**

Vouchers and the Book Club catalogue were sent home last Wednesday. If you would like to place an order, 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.

The World Book Day special lunch is taking place on 05.03.24, the menu will consist of:

**Danny Champion of the World Pie, Horrible History Hearty Baked Ham,,The Quiet Crocodile Cauliflower**

**The Very Hungry Caterpillar Cabbage, BFG Giant Chips, Winnie the Pooh Syrup Sponge & Cat in the Hat Custard.**

Envelopes are being sent home with your child today. (Year 3 – 6) If you would like your child to have the special meal, please return the envelope with payment. Please note that your child can still have a packed lunch on this date.

### **Easter Bonnet Competition**

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

### **Fire Station Open Day**

Bootle & Netherton Community Fire Station are holding an open day from 12.00PM to 4.00PM. Please see attached flier.

### **Ultimate Kids**

Ultimate Kids have managed to secure some funding through the Holiday, Activities & Food Programme (HAF) for the Easter Holidays to provide children in receipt of benefits related free school meals the opportunity to attend and participate in our Ultimate Kids Camps across Sefton, free of charge. Please see attached flier.

## **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

## **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](#).

## **March**

- 1<sup>st</sup> March – 8.45am – Dress up/costumes sale (Family Room)
- 4<sup>th</sup> March – PM -Years 6 GANGS (Get Away An Get Safe) workshops each afternoon this week (James Riley – to prevent children becoming involved in gangs.)  
PM Year 2 football team at Goals
- 5<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 class assembly – 9.15am school hall – all welcome.
- 6<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 swimming.
- 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day – all dress up as favourite book character.
- 8<sup>th</sup> March – 08.45AM pre loved uniform sale (Family Room)
- 11<sup>th</sup> March – Science week.
- 12<sup>th</sup> March - Year 4 class assembly – 9.15am school hall – all welcome.  
- PM Year 1 football team at Goals
- 13<sup>th</sup> March - Year 5 swimming.
- 18<sup>th</sup> March – DT week for whole school  
PM – Multi skills team at Hawthornes
- 19<sup>th</sup> March - Year 3 class assembly – 9.15am school hall – all welcome.  
PM – Art afternoon for whole school.
- 20<sup>th</sup> March - Year 5 swimming.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> March – TT Rockstars Competition for KS2,
- 25<sup>th</sup> March – 10.30am - Stay N'Play in Nursery  
2.15PM - Stay N'Play in Nursery & Reception
- 26<sup>th</sup> March - Year 2 class assembly – 9.15am school hall – all welcome.
- 27<sup>th</sup> March – Easter bunny fun run – wear your ears! Year 5 swimming.
- 28<sup>th</sup> March – Last Day of Term  
9.45am – End of term service at church, all welcome.  
Easter Bonnet competition back at school. 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place for each class.  
All those who have been in every day in March will get a cream egg.

## **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,

Miss E Murtagh  
Headteacher