

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 20th March 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. Again, **Year 4** had the highest attendance for last week – **96.1%**. Other class attendance was as follows: **Y6 - 93.7%**, **Y5 - 92.7%**, **Y2 - 92%**, **R - 91.6%**, **N - 89.4%**, **Y3 - 89.3%**, **Y1 - 87.9%**. 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, please try to let us know by 9.00AM. *You will need to log into School Spider to do this, if you need help logging in, please let school know.*

*Nursery and Reception – Please notify the school of absences using school spider app **NOT** the Class Dojo app, Thank you.*

End of Term Service

Please note our end of term service is now taking place in school on the last day of term 28.03.24 at 9.45am in the school hall.

Easter Bonnet Competition

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

Be in to win!

We are 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

Netherton Library Information

Please see attached information on half term events over Easter.

Easter Bunny Fun Run

Weather permitting on Wednesday 27th March we will be having an Easter bunny fun run in school – in preparation for our mini marathon event on 17th April.

After School Clubs after Easter

Details on After School Clubs being offered after Easter are attached to the newsletter. Please send an email to childrensuniversity.stoswalds@schools.sefton.gov.uk to apply for a place. If children are opting to take a place the expectation is that they attend **EVERY WEEK.**

If children are dipping in and out we will no longer offer them places on the clubs. Some clubs are funded and have to be paid for, if your child has taken a place and then

decides they won't go they have taken that chance from another child who would have gone. Also, we are wasting valuable schools' funds paying for places that aren't attended. If places are paid for and a child doesn't go because they don't want to and parents allow this we will be charging parents in future for the wasted place.

Staff run the clubs out of goodwill, we do not decide we don't want to do it one week and let the children down - so we expect the same in return. If you sign up for a club parents and children show commitment and attend, just as we do.

Please note that clubs commence w/c 22.04.24 and some run for 10 weeks and the clubs highlighted yellow run for 11 weeks. Please note that there are no clubs taking place w/c 03.06.24.

School Meal Price Increase from April 2024

Unfortunately, Sefton have miscalculated their costs and are now claiming back over £6,000 which we have not budgeted for. As you can imagine we are as annoyed and as disappointed as you are about the increase in costs and will be doing all we can to fight this. However, it does mean we will have to increase the school meal costs again from 15th April 2024 to £2.53 per day

School meals will increase to £2.53 from 15.04.24.

Parent Drop In

Please see the attached information about a parent drop in at school on the 1st May. Come along to our parent/carer information drop in to find out what support is available. Services include Mental Health support, ADDvanced Solutions, School Health Team, Sefton Parent carer Forum & School SENCO & Pastoral team. For more information please contact Mrs Keiley.

CAMHS

The Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) put together a monthly newsletter for parents and professionals, signposting support such as groups, training and workshops. Click the [link](#) to have a look and see if there is anything of any interest. . If you have any questions you can contact Mrs Keiley (SENDco and Mental Health lead) via the school office.

School Nurse Session

The next attend anywhere session will take place on the 2/4/24 from 2.00 – 4.00PM. More information can be found on the attached flier.

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

20th March - Year 5 swimming
22nd March – TT Rockstars Competition for KS2
25th March – 10.30AM - Stay N'Play in Nursery
2.15PM - Stay N'Play in Nursery & Reception
26th March - Year 2 class assembly – 9.15AM school hall – all welcome
27th March – Easter bunny fun run – wear your ears! Year 5 swimming
28th March – Last Day of Term 9.45AM – End of term service **at school**, in school hall all welcome. Easter Bonnet competition. 1st & 2nd place for each class.
School finishes at 2.00PM

April

15th April INSET – school closed for children.
16th April 1st day back for children – open as usual. Year 3 trip to Tatton Park
17th April Mini Marathon Event – Y5 & 6 runners running to our Lady of Walsingham in a Community Marathon event at 11.00AM – please line the streets to support all the local schools in the school to school event. All children will be running in school.
19th April Class Photos
22nd April Mini church – 11.15AM at church
23rd April Year 1 class assembly 9.15AM school hall
24th April Communion – 10AM at church all welcome. **2pm Parent meetings.**
26th April KS2 TT Rockstars event
30th April Reception class assembly 9.15AM school hall

Article 27

Every child has the right to a standard of living that is good enough to meet their physical; social and mental needs.



Christian Values

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



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