

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 27th 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** again had the highest attendance for last week – **96.1%**. Other class attendance was as follows: **Y2 - 95%**, **R - 94.5%**, **Y6 - 92.2%**, **Y5 - 90.3%**, **Y3 - 87.9%**, **Y1 - 86.9%**, **N - 82.9%**. 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 taking place in school tomorrow at 9.45am in the school hall.

Easter Bonnet Competition

Our Easter Bonnet competition will take place tomorrow, 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

Children's University Easter Challenge

Details of the Easter Challenge are attached to the newsletter. Responses should be emailed to seftoncu@elevate-ebp.co.uk

Mini Marathon

When we return after Easter holiday, there is a mini marathon event taking place on 17th April. 10 pupils from Years 5 & 6 will be running to Our Lady of Walsingham, whilst the rest of us will be running a mini marathon event around the school field – weather permitting. Please ensure all children have their PE kits with them and trainers/pumps.

Parents Evening 24.04.24

Parents evening slots will become available to book from 3.30PM today on the school spider app. The appointments will be available to book until 3.15PM on 16.04.24.

If you are unable to make 24.04.24, please contact school so that we can make an alternative appointment time and / date for you with your child's class teacher.

After School Clubs after Easter

Details on After School Clubs being offered after Easter were attached to the newsletter last week and can be found [here](#). 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 with * run for 11 weeks. Please note that there are no clubs taking place w/c 03.06.24.

Special Lunch 26.04.24

We are having a special lunch on 26.04.24, the menu will consist of Spiderman Web Spaghetti Bolognese, Wonder Woman Whirls, Incredible Hulk Greens, Ironman Golden Armour Wedges & Captain America USA Muffins.

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 before 26.04.24. Please note that your child can still have a packed lunch on this date.

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.

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

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