

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 17th April 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 – **97.8%**. Other class attendance was as follows: **R - 97.6%, Y2 - 96.7%, Y5 - 95.8%, Y6 - 92.6%, N - 91.9%, Y3 - 90.2%, Y1 - 87.9%**

Half term and term winners were Year 4.

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.*

Parents Evening 24.04.24

The booking slot to book parents evening appointments has now closed. We will now allocate times to parents via the school spider app. 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.

We have Kingsley & Co books visiting us on the 24th April. Kingsley & Co book club will be bringing a wide selection of quality, pre-loved books into school for students to buy for just £1 each. They will arrive just after lunch for the children to browse.

They will remain until just after 4.00pm for parents/carers to also browse and purchase before or after their teacher meetings. We would like to encourage children bring £1 in to school with them for their purchase.

We can't wait to see the wonderful choice of books on display and see what the children choose. #happyreading

Easter Bonnet Competition

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

	Winner	Runner Up
Nursery AM	Fynley	Isla
Nursery PM	Albie	Benjamin
Reception Class	Nancy	Freddie
Year 1	Theo	Sadie
Year 2	Ashvand	Freddie
Year 3	James	Ella
Year 4	Elise	Jess
Year 5	Archie	George
Year 6	Joshua	Emily

Uniform Orders

The time of the year when we ask parents to place their order for uniform for September is here. The uniform order form can be found [here](#). We will be accepting orders until 3.15pm on 17.05.24, payment should be made at the time of placing your order. Thank you.

Class Photographs

Class photographs will take place this Friday 19th April. Proofs will then be sent home when available and the purchase date will follow.

Be in to win!

The results are in following running the scheme again in March – these children below received 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
March	91 pupils	116 pupils	+ 25 pupils

Children's University Easter Challenge

Did your child complete the Easter Challenge? If so, please send your response by email to seftoncu@elevate-ebp.co.uk

PFA Easter Raffle

Thank you to everyone that bought raffle tickets for our Easter raffle, we raised - £138.00. The PFA raffle winners were:

1st prize - Daniel E Reception

2nd prize - Jack L Y5

Mini Marathon Today

Today, we have all joined in a mini marathon event. 10 pupils from Years 5 & 6 ran to Our Lady of Walsingham as part of a Sefton wide marathon relay, whilst the rest of us were running a mini marathon event around the school field.

After School Clubs after Easter

Details on After School Clubs being offered after Easter were attached to the newsletter before half term 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 next week, 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.

Superhero 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, and that the normal menu will not be served on this day.

School Meal Questionnaire

A questionnaire for parents on school meals is available via school spider. We would love to hear your feedback if your child is having school meals. The survey can be completed until 24.04.24 at 15.30PM.

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](#).

April

17 th 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.
19 th April	Class Photos
22 nd April	Mini church – 11.15AM at church
23 rd April	Year 1 class assembly 9.15AM school hall
24 th April	Communion – 10AM at church all welcome. 2pm Parent meetings.
26 th April	KS2 TT Rockstars event
30 th April	Reception class assembly 9.15AM school hall <u>Christian Values</u>

Article 1

Everyone under the age of 18 has all the rights in the convention.

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



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